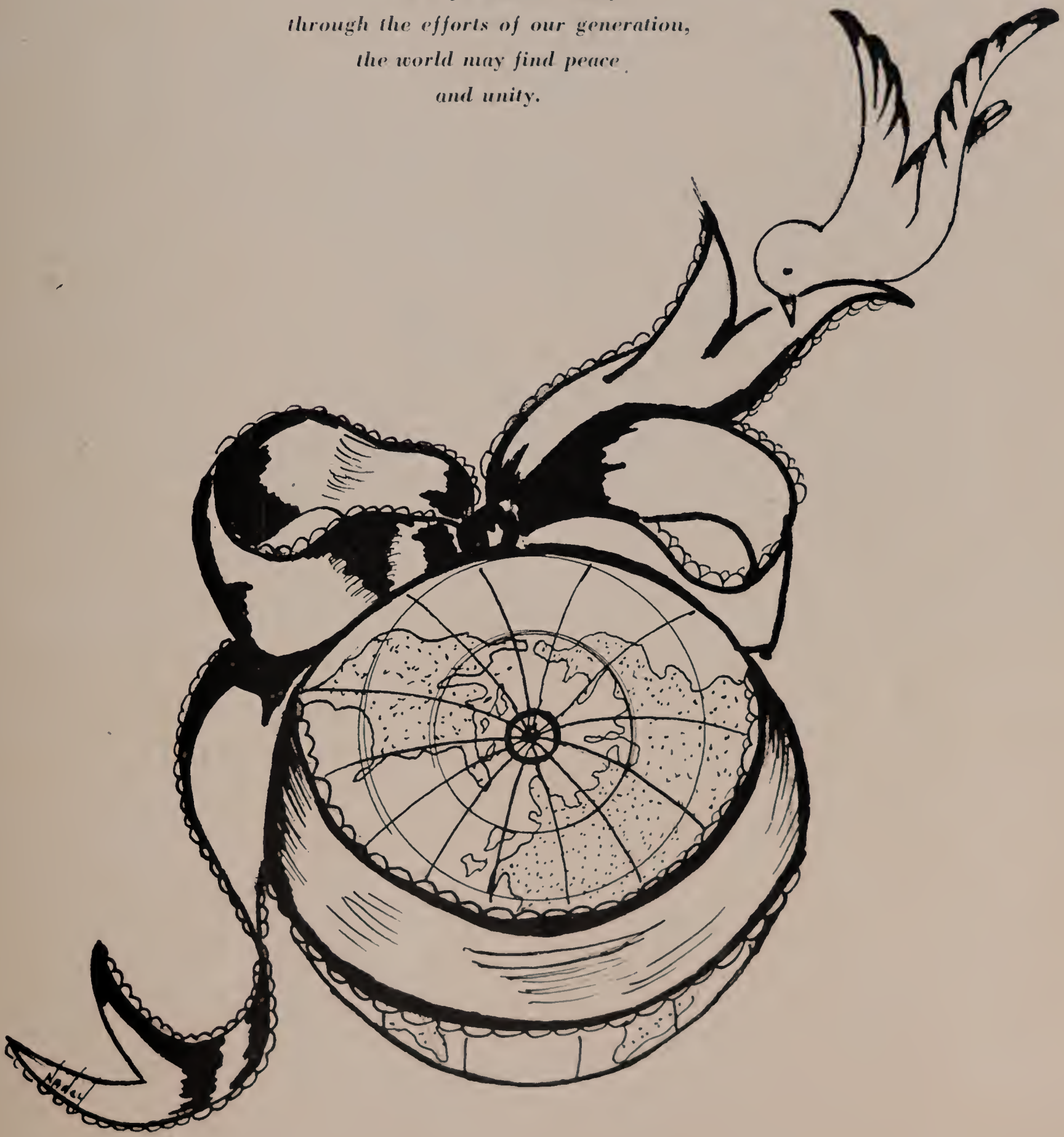
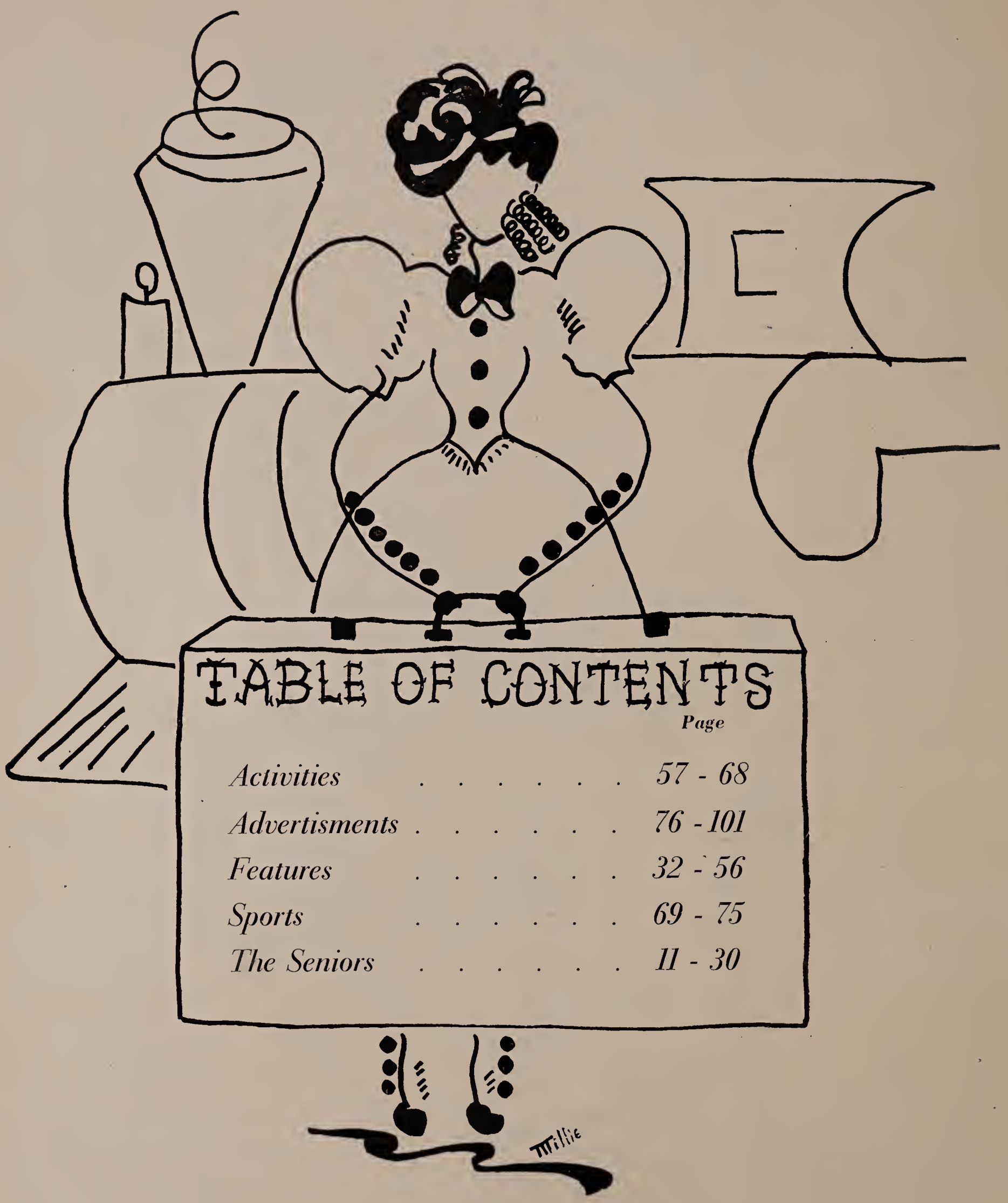
# PIONEER

1948

# Dedication

*We dedicate this Pioneer*
*to the hope that someday,*
*through the efforts of our generation,*
*the world may find peace*
*and unity.*





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# FOREWORD R.H.S.

Nineteen hundred and forty-eight . . . the year of the "New Look" . . . Dame Fashion turned far back to the dusty, faded pages of her Book . . . and decreed that a look of beauty . . . combined with smoothness and neatness . . . must come to the fore. . . Our class decided to conform to the mode . . . so we changed certain things . . . making them individualistic . . . and we refurbished school traditions . . . that they might be appreciated still more . . . new ideas fused with ingenuity and willing hands to make our activities superior. . . The Class of 1948 . . . as an ambitious and grateful body . . . of poised and capable young men and women . . . prepared to face an ever-changing world . . . and to try to give it a "new look" . . . of peace and unity. . . . No school is any better than Reading High . . . and no class ever attempted to leave a finer history of achievement than did the Class of 1948. . . These are the things we have endeavored to record . . . in this, our PIONEER. . .



# The Principal



Friends of the Class of 1948:

You have asked me to write a few words for your Annual. I thank you for the compliment, for I know that this year book — this record of your life for three years at your school — is to be a precious volume which you will refer to and read and reread all your life.

But what to say — what to write about, that is the question. As we come to the end of our journey — you and I together — together we begin anew. You are to go on to strange and different worlds; I am to try even harder to help shape the minds and character of the classes that succeed you.

Of one thing we can be certain. We stand on the threshold of a new age. A new age of some kind is about to be ushered in, with all the sweat and blood and agony of a new creation, and yet perhaps a not entirely new creation, but rather a new branch, a new verdant shoot from the same strong root which reaches back and down through the ages. History will be written about this new shoot branching off from the main stem we call democracy or freedom (they are inseparable). The kind of growth this new shoot becomes will depend on you. Yours may be the most momentous choice in human history. You, the boys and girls graduating today, the citizens of destiny, will decide the nature of this new world to come.

You are really very rich — you have inherited the treasures of the ages — in literature and art; you have inherited the accumulated character and experience of a great people. You have inherited the great out-of-doors — the green fields, beautiful lakes, rushing streams. challenging mountain ranges — as well as the industrial perfection of a great nation. You have inherited freedom to worship as you please, freedom of government, freedom to choose your life's work. History will record what you do with this bountiful inheritance.

We hope as teachers that we have added substantially to your mental equipment, to your strength of character, to your emotional poise, to your physical fitness; those things, those ideas, those characteristics which will serve you and mankind best. We cannot be sure what else you have added to make you a better citizen in a democracy.

Remember, a great inheritance of free peoples has been built up and handed on to you by a race of fighters. They fought not only wars of arms but wars of ideas. You will be called on again to fight. I hope not a war of arms, but surely a war of ideas and ideals. I hope you will measure up when the time comes to defend democracy. Think straight. Don't let your mind grow befogged. Don't listen to the siren's call that is anti-God and anti-democratic. It is not the few at the head of our government who will decide the future of America. It is the thousands of boys and girls who will graduate this year and next and next from the public and private schools of America who will carry the torch. You are the citizens of destiny. *You will decide.*

Rudolf Sussmann



# FACULTY



















# *Pioneer Board*

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

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**ASSISTANT EDITORS**

Barbara Gifford
John Lyons
Joan McLaughlin

**ART EDITORS**

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Nancy Sawin

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Shirley Beaumont

**CIRCULATION MANAGERS**

Fred Williams
Jo-Ann Rowell

**TYPISTS**

Jeanette McKenna
Joan Loughlin

# PRESENTING THE SENIORS





# *Senior Executive Board*

The Senior Executive Board organizes and plans many activities of the graduating class. Although this group is not always in the foreground, it is very important. The Executive Board consists this year of the Senior Class officers: President, Robert Kroeck; Vice-President, Shirley Beaumont; Secretary, Barbara Gifford; Treasurer, Edward Ryan; and the following representatives from the Senior home rooms: Room A, Barbara Buck and Robert Dacey; Room B, Grace Hanley and John Lyons; Room C, Joan McLaughlin and Eugene Nigro; Room D, Patricia Wilkie and Mark Stone.

Until the early spring, the life of an Executive Board member was free from duties except for choosing class play committees. Then, under the guidance of our class adviser, Miss Nichols, we began our plans for graduation, which was quickly approaching. From then on, new business always awaited us and activities reached a high tempo. The sudden onset of work shocked from our minds all delusions about the easy life of an executive. We selected committees for Caps and Gowns, Class Day, the Banquet, Baccalaureate Service, and Decorations. This year students volunteered to serve on committees for the Class Will, Prophecy, History, and Elections, and this system proved to be satisfactory.

We informed the committees of their duties and helped them when necessary. Everyone performed his job well. This spirit of cooperation among the students, teachers, and officers assured us of a successful graduation.

# 1948 Class Officers



***Robert Kroeck***

Tall, slow-speaking Bob...our Sophomore Vice-President and Senior President...who also served on the Senior Executive Board and Traffic Squad....Star hurler in baseball ...enjoys hockey...and being vice-president of the ski club...



***Shirley Beaumont***

Pride of the cheerleading squad...Shirley was elected captain...fitting reward for her talent and vivacity...Tri-Hi-Y, Senior Executive Board, and double-term vice-presidency kept Shirley, a notorious late sleeper, awake. ...She'll wear the caduceus...lucky patients!



***Barbara Gifford***

Our efficient Secretary...a nimble-fingered fiddler in the orchestra...an assistant editor of Pioneer...Barb's the girl.....Among her many diversions...she finds skiing and swimming her favorites....Barb hopes to attend Colby and study medical technology...



***Edward Ryan***

One of our most versatile lads...Ed...an outstanding class "brain"...with a great sense of humor...He's revealed his talents as Editor-in-Chief of the Pioneer...Traffic Leader Class Treasurer...and villainous Henry in the Senior Play...

# *Class of*



**DOROTHY M. ABBOTT**

Dot...very much interested in bookkeeping...majored in accounting...should have a successful career...though her ambition is undecided.... enjoys music, movies, and sewing...likes to write letters ...and claims driving as her favorite hobby...



**JOSEPH P. AGLIO**

Halt-two-three!...It's the Regular Army for Joe next year....A smooth dancer... An ardent bowler...an enthusiastic driver...Joe lays claim to many interests....Pet peeves?...crowded dance floors...conceited girls...



**GEORGE ANDERSON**

Harunk's main interests are football, baseball, and hockey ....He took a mixed course ...and enjoyed Mr. Pope's classes most...he'll never forget flunking Spanish with Miss Burns....School and Reading girls are his pet peeves.



**WILLIAM ANDERSON**

Bill...a handsome fellow... and future sailor...who has navigated the College Course ...found mathematics and history his favorite subjects ....His activities include sports...and he gave a notable performance at end in football...



**SHIRLEY ARNOLD**

Shirley's chief interest... following the College Course successfully....Sports... her main outside activity....bowling and dancing...her hobbies....Shirley enjoys watching hockey and football games, too....Boys who consider girls inferior...are her sole vexation...



**ROY ARSENAULT**

A man who likes to "beat out dat rhythm on a drum"... Roy has been active in Band and Orchestra...hopes to lead a band of his own someday....To be practical, has followed the Commercial Course....



**PETER ATTARIAN**

Time...that important element...girls and basketball use of most of Pete's. Erstwhile member of the hazardous Traffic Squad...Finds a few spare moments...for homework and DeMolay... Will never forget ancient history class...



**PAUL F. BABCOCK**

Paul...quiet and studious ...ever good - natured...always willing to do his part.... A member of French Club ....Thinks eating and sleeping are of prime importance ...and believes movie-going should be kept in moderation...

# *Class of*



**DANA BARBER**

A part-time martyr to the Scientific Course....Dana's a familiar figure at the North Main St. Garage....Girls, hunting, and stamp collecting (in that order) are favorite diversions....Dana liked math ...and "two-thutty"...



**KARL BARRETT**

Giantesque...Karl makes most of us feel Lilliputian... the familiar soda-jerk at Willis'...who hopes to climb to pharmacist's rank.... Takes time out for hockey and baseball...leaves memories of the West Village Cardinals Championship Team...



**SHIRLEY BATCHELDER**

Batchy...whose chief ambition is to finish school...and whose activities in school have centered around Camera Club, Rainbow, Junior's Women's Club, Pioneer, and Senior Play Committee...The gal likes fun...dislikes conceited people...



**WENDELL BATES**

In the future...Buddy hopes to have his own gas station..."Service with a smile".....A natural on the basketball court...and a good pitcher for any baseball team ....As for likes...sports and work for Buddy...

**MARY ANN BELLA**

She's unique...this talented and personable member of the Commercial Course...Mary Ann...with a career as an acrobatic dancer as her ultimate goal...and a liking for bookkeeping for good measure...



**LOIS E. BENNETT**

A little girl with big ideas ...Lois dreams of becoming a singer...A Cappella Choir was a favorite...and Music Appreciation, too....Her love for music is shared...with her love for horses...



**RUTH E. BERRY**

Rufus...a conscientious commercial student...collects china dogs as a hobby.... Aspires to live and work up North...(Referring to Canada, of course!)....A member of Pioneer Staff and Rainbow...Rufus is always active.



**MARGARET BLOOD**

Proficiency plus...extra-capable in domestic arts and academic pursuits...introducing Margaret....Belonging to Band, French Club, Rainbow, Pioneer Staff... she's seldom idle....Interested in church work...enthusiastic about singing....A successful future...whatever her choice...



# *Class of*



**HAROLD BOLTON**

Harry...Willis' proficient soda-jerk...paradoxically, dislikes anything that involves work...hates to get up in the morning...yet, oddly enough, hopes to attend Amherst School of Farming....Life begins at 2:30 for Harry...



**RICHARD BROWN**

Brownie...remembered for the strange noises emitted from his cars....A three-year Shop student...who hopes to be a mechanic and midget auto driver....Annoyed by girls trying to do homework at tne last minute...



**BARBARA BUCK**

Tall, dark and sophisticated ...it's not a mystery..it's Barbi. . . Her unforgettable performance in "Hangman's Noose"...her clever art work ...evidences of her versatility ....Belongs to Senior Executive Board...Drum Corps... basketball team...Rainbow...



**ROBERT BUTLER**

Red...a veritable "jack-of-all-trades"...who would be handy around any household....Enjoys shop and math most...also finds plenty of time to follow sports... and his favorite pastime... which is woodworking...



**CHRISTINA CARNEY**

A football fan...that is Chris completely....Belongs to Pioneer Staff and Junior Women's Club . . . really fun to work with...Next year it may be a post - graduate course for Chris...who likes old R. H. S....



**JEAN CARTER**

Petite...brunette...Jean may soon be requesting "number, please"...another popular and sought-after career may also be hers.... The carefree Jean's most memorable experience at R. H. S. ....unexpected two weeks' vacation in her junior year...



**NANCY B. CHADWICK**

Our ever-busy head program girl...Chaddy somehow found time for Junior Women's Club, Rainbow, Camera Club....Athletically inclined...Nancy excels at tennis....Just to be different, she enjoys tinkering with cars...loafing....and North Reading...



**LOIS M. CLARKSON**

"Sunrise Serenade"...and Lois...they're synonymous... for us who know this vivacious lass...Belongs to orchestra, band, choir, Rainbow, and the Pioneer Staff, and was prompter for the Senior Play. ..Next act for Lois...nurses' training...

# *Class of*



### BARBARA COPPINGER

Babs...Blondie...Barb... she'll answer to any of these ....To her we owe much thanks...for her quick "service with a smile" in the cafeteria. . . Long skirts bother Barb....Her aspiration?... to become a tearoom manager...



### MARILYN I. CORKE

Marilyn...a diligent student in the College Course... Finds French fascinating... enjoys English...Skates smoothly...accredited with many accomplishments.... Junior Women's Club, Pioneer and Chronicle Staffs, and French Club...all share in Marilyn's activities...



### JOHN COWHEY

John's pet dislike...the "mockers" at Torre's... (agreed)....Struggled bravely through the Commercial Course...and contributed 140 odd pounds of dynamite to the football squad....Best known for likeable personality...happy-go-lucky way of life...



### STANLEY CULLINGTON

Winter brings snow...and snow brings Buster's big boots....Stanley played a blazing guard on the football team....Favorite pastime seems to be sipping sodas in Torre's with his bosom pal, Bill...



### ROBERT DACEY

Baseball!...baseball!... baseball!...that's Dace...first team for three straight years ...Ambition is the big league ...Plus athletic ability...an unsurpassable sense of humor ....Good luck, Bob!...we'll be watching for you at Fenway Park...



### MILDRED L. DALTON

A loyal North Readingite... Millie will use her Commercial Course gleanings in office work...A cheerful lass...enjoys life most when dancing or swimming....Unforgettable Experience Dept....the time she fell downstairs in her sophomore year...



### LLOYD B. DAME

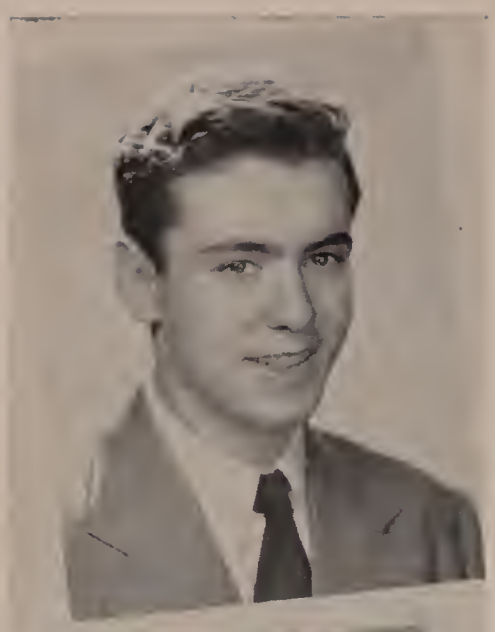
General Course devotee... Lloyd is a future biologist... Hobbies?...hunting and trapping...and, we suspect, grooming that well-trained pompadour....Though a nature lover,...Lloyd wastes no affection on that famous unpredictable...New England weather...



### ANN D. DAVID

Ann...member of Band, Junior Women's Club...art committees....If a tasty d stunifty outfit, or unusual decoration is needed...call Ann.... Around these skills she plans to build her future...with emphasis on dietetics...

# *Class of*



**LYLE DELONG**

Hold your hats!... here comes 160 pounds of dynamite ...Yes, that was Lyle...playing left tackle in football... guard in basketball....His only outside interest...119 Walnut St....He lays claim to no ambition, as yet...



**JAMES E. DESMOND**

The good-looking captain of our basketball team...and possessor of a disarming smile...Jim hurdled the General Course, with U. S. History a highlight....Plans to make his own...as a G. I..... Claims interest in all sports...



**DOROTHY DeMAR**

Prediction...Dot will go far in the world of music.... Has begun her career through her enthusiastic participation in the school orchestra...and Reading Symphony .... Her wagon is hitched to a star... high in the musical galaxy...



**RUTH DODGE**

Here's that tall, attractive miss...referring to Ruth, of course!...A participant in Rainbow and Junior Women's Club...a conscientious follower of the College Course ...Where to, next year?... Nurses' training school... that's Ruth's goal...



**JUDITH DE MATTEO**

A flash on the typewriter ...as well as on the piano... Subject?...our nimble-fingered Judy....Orchestra, Band, Pioneer Staff....Rainbow... always on the go....For this secretary of tomorrow... Judy's agility guarantees success...



**LAWRENCE DOUCETTE**

Everybody's friend... known as "Pushie"....Music and dancing are musts with him...short skirts are definitely out....He'll never forget Miss Cox and Miss Burns ...(they'll probably never forget him)...we know we'll always remember "Pushie"...



**AUDREY DE PATIE**

Quiet and mysterious...so appears Audrey....Has a keen interest in popular music ...and likes to spin the recent "discs"....Office work, her future aspiration...looks promising for one with such a personality as Audrey's!



**PAUL DUBE**

Dub is noted for dashing along Woburn Street at 8:14 A.M. . .three years of successful football...activity in French Club....He'll never forget those Math IV Tests which toughened him...for the battle of life...

# *Class of*



### JAMES M. FLOOD

Jim...serious...tall. . .dark and good-looking...who juggled a mixed course at R. H. S....an air - minded lad... whose future plans seem to include a lot of flying...Jim's one of the few sanguine characters who have no pet peeves.



### KENNETH E. FORSBERG

The outdoors holds a particular attention for Ken... providing him with hunting, fishing, and skiing...Hopes to apply his talent in practical arts in a career as a draftsman....Avocation...greenhouse work...



### KENNETH FOSTER

The fellow behind the French horn case...that's Kenny....especially active in the high school orchestra... a necessity in the Reading Symphony....Favorite hobby...a profitable printing business....Next year...the New England Conservatory of Music...



### PAUL FULLER

Paul...with a joke always up his sleeve...Driving, his one love..."speed", his password...for slow-pokes are most irritating!...Bears much animosity toward women drivers...but aren't some men just as bad, Paul?



### AUDREY GALLEY

A career in nursing beckons Audrey... who has worked hard at the demanding College Course...She liked Latin with Mr. Spencer (who wouldn't?)....A Cappella Choir was another high spot for the music-loving Audrey...



### CLIFFORD J. GIBSON

Our nominee for all-around All-American....Gibber.... outstanding in football, basketball, and baseball....a Hi-Y and Traffic Squad man ....handsome....hardy.... Alas! a confirmed misogynist ....Future?....college, perhaps....Hope you shake that jinx, Gibber....



### ROBERT GILLIES

Vigilant traffic officer... that's Bud...A follower of the Scientific Course...who claimed Mr. Pope's physics class his favorite....An athlete, but definitely...capable captain of baseball....As a future coach, he'll wow the spectators...



### CONSTANCE GONZALO

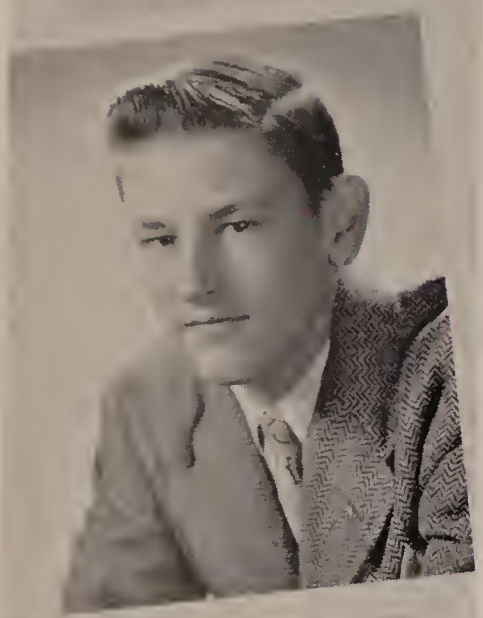
Typing, terrific...Shorthand, a snap...Who is the apt commercial student?... That's right...it's Connie.... Program girl at the Senior Play...A Cappella chorister .....As secretary to Miss Nichols...she gained a foothold in her career...

# *Class of*



**GRACE GONZALO**

A smile and a "Hi" for everyone...Gracie's that petite salesgirl down at Woolworth's...In Junior Women's Club, Pioneer Staff, and A Cappella Choir...always active....Don't fret about long skirts, Gracie...it's the "New Look."



**LAWRENCE GRANT**

Larry's spare time is occupied with sports and writing . . . Chemistry is tops in school time...."Live and let live" is the motto of this Northerner and member of the General Course...Larry ...who can't abide "hotheads"....



**LORAINE E. GUILE**

Vicky...lots of sparkle and vim...an energetic member of the Pioneer Staff and A Cappella choir...with an interest in church activities... and enthusiasm concerning sports....An efficient secretary...a capable nurse... whichever her final choice...



**RICHARD D. GUNN**

Obliging Dickie . . . avows his ambition simply . . . "to get out of school". . . He can be seen around town every afternoon in his so-called car....Devotes much of his spare time to pushing a hockey puck around...



**RUTH HALL**

One of the efficient housewives of tomorrow...Ruth has taken a great interest in the Home Economics Course ....A Cappella Choir during her sophomore and junior years...and English...were Ruth's favorite studies...at R. H. S...



**RICHARD HAM**

Possessor of a keen sense of humor...and dramatic talent...attested by his excellent performance in "Hangman's Noose"...Conscientious in his pursuit of the College Course...intrigued by French ...Affable Dick finds lots of time for fun...



**GRACE HANLEY**

Cute colleen...Calmly went through College Course... plans to become a nurse.... Grace particularly enjoyed history...and English.... Displayed reliability and poise in Tri-Hi-Y....Junior Women's Club...Senior Executive Board...ticket-selling...



**BETTY HARRISON**

Betty...always smiling... hopes to become a secretary ....With swimming, tennis, skiing, and bowling...she is really kept busy...drawing, too, a favorite pastime.... Her many interests...and her typing talent...make Betty's future look sunny...

# *Class of*



### ROBERT HEFFERNAN

Subdues his energies in the classroom...reveals his truly energetic character on football field....Heffy devotes much leisure time to sports... found much enjoyment in Miss Cox's English class.... We will never forget his noisy cleats...



### ROBERT JOHNSTON

"Fellows who flick ashes all over my car"arouse Bob's indignation....He's a slippery little half-back...and a natural comedian...whose hilarious antics are enjoyed by everybody...except his teachers....Chief interests...DeMolay...hockey...



### RICHARD HOLBROOK

Dick...worked through the Scientific Course...enjoyed experimenting with strange odors in the chem lab....Actively interested in skiing, swimming, and mountain climbing....plans to attend the University of Massachusetts next year...



### EMERY KNIGHT

An outstanding star in high school sports...Bud played two years of football... three of basketball....Active in the French Club...on the Traffic Squad....Although he's uncertain about his future...he may attend Coast Guard School...



### JOHN HOVEY

John's most memorable experience at R. H. S....a visit to Mr. Sussmann's office.... Good-looking...with a deep masculine voice...has a numbre of feminine admirers.... Very active in DeMolay.... Other pastimes...bowling and dancing...



### TEXAS LEE

Flash!...Tex streaks across the basketball court...she's our three-letter girl....Sports rate tops with Tex...who belongs to Junior Women's Club, Rainbow, and Camera Club....For next year...a secretarial position is her goal...



### JOAN IVERSON

Ambitious to be a medical secretary...Ivy will attend Chandler....Took the College Course at R. H. S.... with chem and type her favorite subjects....Belongs to French Club, A Cappella Choir...wrote for the Pioneer...



### ALAN LENT

"Photographic"...the word which describes Al perfectly ....Mysteries of the darkroom hold strange charms... for this enthusiastic member of the Camera Club...whose favorite class is history...and who views sarcasm with scorn...

# *Class of*



**SHIRLEY LORD**

Quietly ambitious...Shirley will put her Commercial Course training to good use as a private secretary.... ....Drawing and skating constitute the outside interests ...of the accommodating, easy-going Shirley... who objects to people who require coaxing...



**PHILIP LYLE**

When Phil's not under his car...he's probably racing around in it....He's devoted to autos and the Business Course. . . A three-year employee of Sanborn Bros... Phil's probably seen more eggs than he can count...



**EDGAR ROGER LOUANIS**

Edgar has undergone a mixed course at R. H. S.... enjoying lunch and physics ....A stern member of the Traffic Squad....Eddie hopes to attend a technical school ...and eventually to become an aeronautical engineer...



**JOHN LYONS**

"Jawn"...the friendly redhead...who spends most of his time working for Canteen ...or in North Reading... Other activities...Pioneer... football and baseball....Star student in College Course.... Future....at Harvard or Wesleyan...unquestionably successful...



**JOYCE LOUD**

Joyce worked her way merrily through the General Course....Resplendent in black and red as a loyal ticket seller....likes all sports immensely...an active rooter for R. H. S....Future not definite...she hopes to become a nurse...



**MARILYN MacLEOD**

Quiet...demurely attractive ...congenial...Marilyn enjoys singing...and hopes to study voice....Tri-Hi-Y and Rainbow found her membership an asset....Spends her winters looking forward to her summers...spent at Annisquam...



**JOAN LOUGHLIN**

A flash of red and black... that's drum majorette Jo.... She enjoys dates and dancing ...dislikes the snakes in Miss Zimmermann's room....Joan endured the Commercial Course...hopes to go to the Kathleen Dell Secretarial School...



**SHIRLEY E. MAC MILLAN**

A talented young lady... known for her musical...dramatic...and cheerleading abilities....Among her activities...Rainbow and "Polly" in the Senior Play....Mickie's fondest memory of R. H. S....the '47 Punchard game ..."where the kids really cheered"...

# *Class of*



**SHIRLEY MAGISON**

Here's Maggie...a wit... a brain...and lots of fun, too ...a whiz at the college subjects....Science has a particular attraction for Maggie ...possibly her scientific zest will continue at Amherst next fall...



**JEANETTE McKENNA**

Tall....graceful....Jeanette plans a secretarial career ....'tis rumored she operates an auto-driving school.... for a select clientele....Another musical miss....Jeanette plays the piano....enjoys dancing and collecting records....Irked by unknown telephone caliers....



**JUNE LOUISE MAINE**

Vivacious June...following a General Course...favoring Home Economics...particularly dislikes moody people ....She will never forget "sitting in the little red chair" ....Plans to go to a beauticians' school...someday to own a beauty salon...



**JOAN McLAUGHLIN**

A peppy Irish lass...always popping up with a witty remark....President of the Junior Women's Club, vice-president of Tri-Hi-Y...and editor of both the Chronicle column and Pioneer...Joan's definitely the executive type...



**DOROTHY MAXWELL**

"Calling Dr. Maxwell!".. the fulfillment of Dot's ambition...next stops en route are Radcliffe and medical school ...Interests besides science ...aviation and farming... Dot may someday write a book or two about her favorite place...Maine...



**RICHARD McSHEEHY**

A member of the journeying shop group...Dick is particularly interested in practical arts....Plans to become a mechanic...possibly an airplane pilot...Enjoys working with model airplanes...but the Boy Scouts of America peeve him no end...



**PAUL McDONALD**

Mac...who ran around like mad during football season ....In addition to managerial duties, worked with Camera Club...Canteen...and Pioneer....Although he claims he enjoys dodging work...we know he'll knock Harvard for a loop...



**ROBERT M. McSHEEHY**

Bob's mechanically inclined...one of those handy shop boys....Wants to join the Army Air Force after leaving these ivy-covered walls... He likes to hunt...or to attend midget auto races in his spare moments...

# *Class of*



**ALVIN A. MEIER**

Al's genius for accounting ...and working with numbers ...is known throughout the school....Strongly opposed to long skirts....Two years ago, was a great catcher on the baseball team....His chief interests...photography ...and hunting...



**NATALIE MERRILL**

Nat...that ultra-ski fanatic ...coasted over the rugged College Course...Band, girls' basketball. . .Chronicle and Pioneer Staffs...dance committees and Rainbow...a busy miss...Hopes to attend Chamberlain...and study to become a buyer...



**RAYMOND MEUSE**

Almost the class baby... nevertheless, Ray is oldest in football experience...for two years he held down a starting berth in the line....With his determination he should go far...perhaps in the Navy...



**ROBERT E. MOORES**

Always seen with loads of indigestible "lettuce"...Bob ...faithful treasurer of the Reading Youth Council... stage manager for the Senior Play....Usually found in a local musical store....Plans for a career in photography...



**VIRGINIA MURPHY**

Vivacious and facetious... consult Webster and you'll find they both suit Ginny.... An entertaining actress...a charming cheerleader...with a way of making everything fun....Pioneer and Chronicle Staff, Junior Women's Club, Tri-Hi-Y...all claim Ginny...



**ANNIEMAY MUDIE**

From jerking sodas at Torre's to singing with the A. Cappella Choir...such is the range of Annimay's activities. ..Somewhere between comes her pursuit of the General Course...somewhere later... that indefinite future...Sidelines...bowling and dancing..



**ROGER NELSON**

Mad chemist at R. H. S.... Smooth boogie-woogie player....Member of Hi-Y and DeMolay....Plans include law school....Despite the seriousness of a law career, Roger will always find time for his everlasting interest... "Women," that is....



**SHIRLEY NELSON**

An expert horsewoman... a superior seamstress...Shirley...whose field is handicraft...and who wants her own crafts studio....After Oak Grove...she'll go to art school....Among duties at R. H. S...being Program Girl...and art editor for Pioneer...

# *Class of*



**PHYLLIS NICHOLSON**

Zzz-ing!...that's Phyl... trying to make first period on time....A petite blonde... with a flair for fashion...who wants to own a dress shop ....Hates school on Monday ...seems to have overcome that obstacle...



**EUGENE R. NIGRO**

A two-tone Pontiac...a load of strong-lunged boys ...behind the wheel, "You-You"....Despite his love of fun...Eugene is a hard-working student...aiming at an engineering career. . . .Dislikes hard butter...likes chem lab...



**NEIL F. O'BRIEN**

"Needle"...an active Hi-Y member...and a fighting end on the gridiron....From his love for dogs...particularly English setters...has sprung his ambition...to become the manager of a kennel...



**PHILIP H. O'BRIEN, JR.**

Ah! a hand-some wit...humor to spare...none other than Nicky....A loyal plugger on the gridiron...who sailed for three years along the Scientific Course....One guess as to his pastimes...sleeping and eating...

**NORMA OLDFIELD**

Barney...hilarious and friendly...sees the funny side of everything....an active officer in Rainbow...a peppy Program Girl...also a loyal member of the A Cappella Choir....Concerning her future horizon...the physical education field attracts Norma...



**JOHN PALUMBO**

Most often seen eating up the fruit store profits...John is the stocky right halfback on our football team...played basketball...on the Traffic Squad...and in Hi-Y.... We'll never forget...Iggy... nor his eight-yard punt...



**ARTHUR PETERSON**

How about a game of ping-pong?...you'll receive an affirmative reply from Art... and great competition, too! ....Outstanding in College Course...active in Rocketeen Club...always showing a special interest in Spanish and math...Pete...



**LOUISE PETERSON**

A dash of paint...a sweep of the brush...who's the artist?...Louise...Looks forward to Vesper George School of Art...hoping to develop further her artistic talent...High school experience gained on Pioneer staff .. decoration committees...



# *Class of*



**RALPH POWELL**

Tall, dark and good-natured...Ralph enjoyed chemistry and math...disliked English....Spent a lot of time on a farm raising chickens... outdoor activities...fishing. hunting, and other sports... Good luck in the future, Ralph...



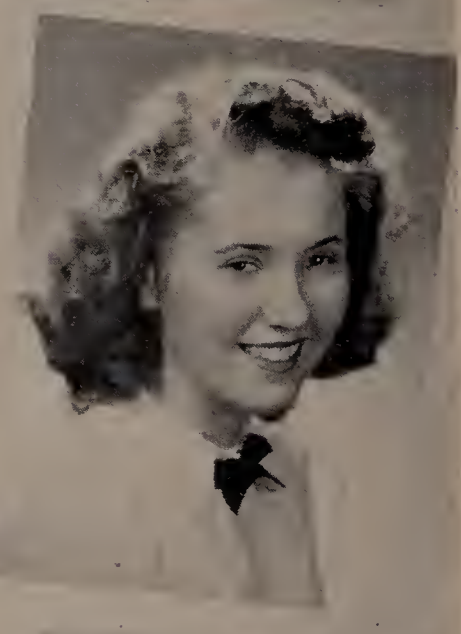
**JEAN ROGERS**

"Sweet and lovely"...might be her theme song...A "General Courser"...who liked art and sixth period best.... Easily displeased by conceited individuals....Story of her future may be read on third finger...left hand...



**KARL PROCTOR**

A gridiron dynamo...a crashing fullback that Reading High will never forget... that's Karl....Hopes to become a mortician...so if you're ever in a hole, Digger O'Proctor will be glad to smooth things over...



**ELEANOR RICHARDSON**

She hopes to become the owner of a fashionable beauty shop...so it's Wilfred Academy for soft-spoken Eleanor ....Roller skating is her favcrite pastime....Like many other students...Eleanor rates chemistry as her favorite subject...



**JOHN M. RAYMOND**

Jack...of the Commercial Course...with plans for study at the Franklin Technical Institute...A member of French Club...and the Reading Sea Scouts...he collects coins... and enjoys photography... almost as much as baseball...



**ELAINE ROBERTS**

Our own "Elaine the Fair" ...imported from Maine.... who proved her versatility and adeptness by snapping her fingers at the College Course, and being a cheerleader....student director of Senior Play....Chronicle Staff Editor....basketball captain...



**MAURICE REEBENACKER**

A product of the shop-course training...ever-smiling Brud...an excellent mechanic...will enter the ranks of the motor-minded in the future....Likes to take things apart...has a grudge against wintry lunchrooms...



**JO-ANN ROWELL**

Always smiling...ever sparkling...Joey's one of our cutest cheerleaders....In Rainbow, Tri-Hi-Y, and the Rocketeen Club...loves swimming, skating, dancing and dating....Attention, doctors! ...A talented lass is headed your way as a medical secretary...

# *Class of*



### NANCY SAWIN

Nan...charming and petite ...talented artist...A member of Tri-Hi-Y, Rainbow, and Pioneer Art Staff...A cute Program Girl, too.... After completing three successful years of the College Course, Nan has but one ambition...to grow!...



### BARBARA ANN SEIFRED

Ploughed through the General Course...smoothing the bumps with her likable smile and pleasing manner.... Favorite subject...chemistry.... Hobby...writing letters.... Aspires to be a telephone operator...We predict a boom for Bell...



### CLAIRE E. SELFRIDGE

Commercial - conscious Claire....efficient at typing ...fond of filing...her future, well-aimed towards office work....A snappy drummer in the band...enjoys participation in church activities... Don't be silly...thus will you avoid entrance on Claire's black list...



### EMILY SHELDON

Emily...newcomer at R. H. S....who is to be commended for her excellent work in the senior play...Career in home economics, her goal...Math, chemistry...Emily's favorite academic pursuits...dancing, cooking...her favorite extra-curricular activities...



### BARBARA SHERROD

The Art Room will miss the cheerful, familiar presence of Barb...one of its most frequent visitors...who wishes to use her talents in her own interior decorating shop....Forthright Barb despises duplicity....



### DOROTHY SKELTON

Dot...charming resident of God's Country...(North Reading to you)...who diligently followed the Commercial Course...and plans to be a white-collar girl...Has gained experience already... as Miss Cox's secretary.... Dot blacklists gym classes...



### MARION SKINNER

With a wealth of musical talent...naturally Marion votes for choir as her favorite subject....Loves to have a good time...a devoted fan at all our football and baseball games....Hopes to attend Wilfred Academy...



### NATHAN SMITH

Another one of those versatile North Reading students ...Smitty enjoys hockey, bowling, and golf...is a talented craftsman...and a particularly apt scholar...Using any one of these talents, should rocket him to his goal...

# *Class of*



**PHILIP SPENCER**

A million dollar bill is very rare...but Phil is determined to own one...In his mixed course...favorite class was chemistry with Mr. Pope... Goes for dancing, swimming, movies, records...and cameras...dislikes homework and asparagus...



**DONALD C. STEVENS**

How can he keep so busy? ....A musician at heart... with a multitude of other hobbies, too...a staunch believer in having a good time.... Next year spells University of Massachusetts for Don...



**GEORGE T. STANDBRIDGE, III**

"Jorgito"...whose long list of interests is topped by autos and skiing...On the negative side, dislikes effusive girls... the "new look"....Veteran traffic officer...who will recount in Spanish his most memorable experience at R. H. S....



**WILLIAM STEWART**

Splash! !...there's another bass Bill just hooked...Short ...stocky...Will-ee loves the outdoors...spends his spare time hunting...fishing...or skiing....At present is employed at Weber and Smith ....Ambition?...to be a scientific technician...



**JOAN STEELE**

Joan...serious and quiet... loves bowling and skating... Served as a program girl at the Senior Play....Her experience as secretary to Mrs. Wadsworth will prove valuable....At R. H. S..., Joan says, typing is tops...



**MARK STONE**

A happy-go-luckv funster ...Markie...synonymous with Dace....consistently witty ....loves sports, especially football...hopes to coach at R. H. S. someday....Mark left his inimitable mark in the annals of DeMolay...Pioneer Staff...and Senior Executive Board...



**CARL STEPHAN**

A super-tall fellow...Carl left Concord to join us at R. H. S....Ambitiously following the Scientific Course ...he finds time for Orchestra, Band, A Cappella Choir..basketball, Pioneer Staff, and DeMolay, too....What's your secret, Carl?



**DANA SULLIVAN**

In spite of the rough journey...five days a week in the shop group...Sully picks Practical Arts as his most enjoyable course....Chief interests...sports and DeMolay ....He wants to become an apprentice...eventually a master mechanic...

# *Class of*



**PAULINE SURETTE**

Charming and talented... Pauline liked all of her subject...with history her favorite...Home room seems to have peeved her....She's a skillful dancer...whose future looks promising...Now plans to attend floral designing school...



**RICHARD VAN HORN**

Van...a great tackle on the football team...also tackled the Commercial Course... and plans to become an accountant....He's kept busy driving his father's trucks.... Is interested in sports and dancing...



**LOUISE TARR**

Louise...a quiet member of the College Course...displayed her acting ability as "Martha" in the Senior Play ....Enjoys cooking unusual foods....Louise plans to enter nurses' training school... aspires to be an airlines hostess...



**GLENNALEE WEDGE**

Happy-go-lucky Glen...aspires to be a kindergarten teacher...her friendly disposition should insure success. ...Likes all sports...horseback riding not excepted.... The sciences particularly appeal, too...and biology has the top rating....



**JAMES TRAINOR**

Famous for his ever-ready smile is Jim...who hopes to whiz over Reading rooftops in his own plane...before many years have passed..Here's one male who looks with favor...on the "New Look."



**RICHARD WEBB**

Captain Dick Webb...not renowned as a speaker...but gets results on the football field....Interested in all sports...and in turkey raising ....Has plans for prep school ...where he will certainly be an outstanding gridster...



**LORRAINE TURNER**

Lorraine...whose aim is to be a success in the business world...worked as a secretary for Mr. Hanlon.....A star on the basketball team... a member of the drum corps ...she found type her favorite subject....



**EDWARD WELCH**

Curly-haired...smiling and friendly....one of those who proudly board the northbound bus each P. M....Eddie has enjoyed the Shop Course at R. H. S....and has hopes of being a farmer in his own home-town...



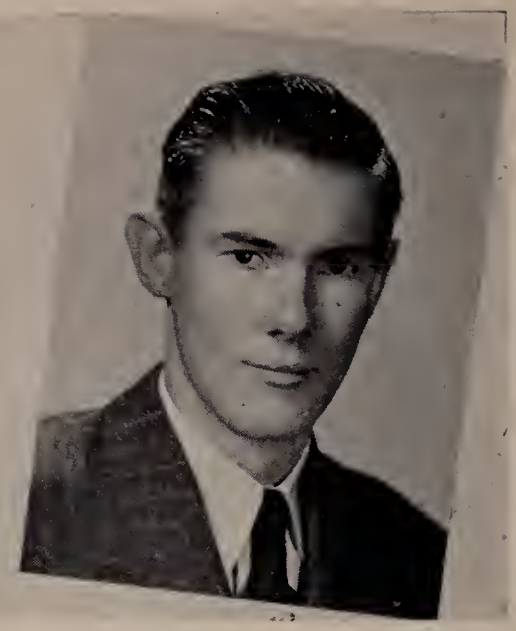
**JOYCE WHITE**

Joyce...a capable commercial student...who has gained experience as secretary to Miss Drury....Favorite subject?...that's stenography ....With her combination of talent and interest to start with...a flourishing future should be Joyce's reward...



**PATRICIA J. WILKIE**

Active member of Tri-Hi-Y, Rainbow, Junior Women's Club and Canteen Council... peppy Pat...who gave a memorable and hilarious performance in the Senior Play ....Loves dancing, records, sports....Will make a cute co-ed next fall....



**FRED WILLIAMS**

Fred and school activities ...they go hand-in-hand... our patient lawyer in the Senior Play...a faithful and diligent basketball manager ....Puts chemistry on top of his list of favorites...abhors those Monday morning classes...



**DAVID YOUNG**

A talented chap...with a future in art...and a bent for dramatics....Often seen in the local music shop...playing jazz records...or painting a mural....A hand in Canteen, Camera Club, Traffic Squad, Pioneer...

**RICHARD GRANT**

Here's another driving fiend ....Dick plans to put his hobby to use...in the future, as a mechanic...Talents are already being developed along this line...repairing cars... However, as to flat tires... they're Dick's pet peeve...



**DOMENICK ZANNI**

Mischievous...a relentless mocker....Dom'll rush for a recruiting office . . . after grasping that coveted sheepskin....He'll be remembered as a debonair sight...roaring around in a bee-yoo-tiful De-Soto...usually accompanied by fellow mockers...

**PHILIP EISENHAURE**

Phil...whose last name gives away his residence.... His interest in repairing car engines...ties right in with his ambition...to be a mechanic. . . Girls, beware! . . . you are Phil's pet hate...and is hobby is shooting. . .

## *Senior Veterans*

William Enos
George A. Flibotte
Frederick J. McMahon, Jr.
Charles B. Reed
John F. Walsh

# *Class Directory*

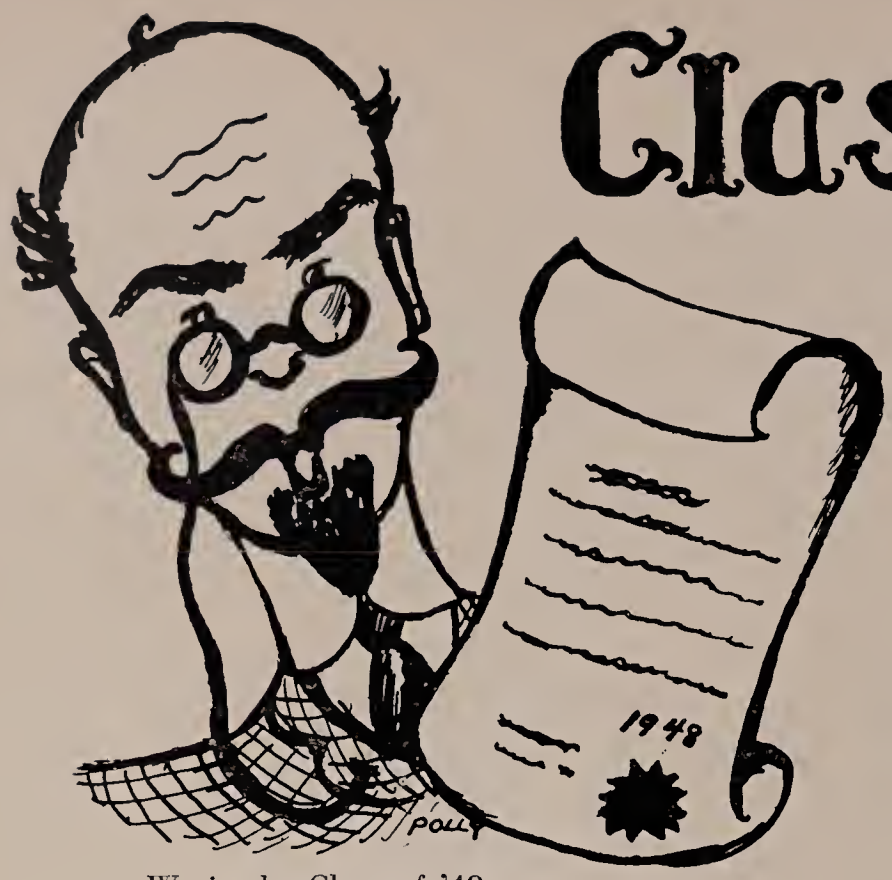
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ABBOTT, DOROTHY M.
32 Green St.
ARNOLD, SHIRLEY M.
146 Village St.
BATCHELDER, SHIRLEY
617 Pearl St.
BEAUMONT, SHIRLEY A.
Main St., North Reading
BELLA, MARY ANN
126 John St.
BENNETT, LOIS E.
Burroughs Rd., North Reading
BERRY, RUTH E.
33 Harrison St.
BLOOD, E. MARGARET
15 Oak Ridge Rd.
BUCK, BARBARA
148 Woburn St.
CARNEY, CHRISTINA
68 Mineral St.
CARTER, JEAN B.
69 Hancock St.
CHADWICK, NANCY B.
930 Main St.
CLARKSON, LOIS M.
4 Palmer Hill Ave.
COPPINGER, BARBARA F.
26 Springvale Rd.
CORKE, MARILYN I.
12 Nichols Rd.
DALTON, MILDRED L.
Main St., North Reading
DAVID, ANN D.
70 Howard St.
DeMAR, DOROTHY
249 Forest St.
DeMATTEO, JUDITH
11 Jadem Ter.
DePATIE, AUDREY
58 Pearl St.
DODGE, RUTH E.
228 West St.
GALLEY, AUDREY J.
Linnwood Ave., North Reading
GIFFORD, BARBARA
81 West St.
GONZALO, CONSTANCE M.
212 Main St.
GONZALO, GRACE
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GUILE, LORAINE E.
Haverhill St., North Reading
HALL, RUTH E.
Elm St., North Reading
HANLEY, GRACE
Park St. West, North Reading
HARRISON, BETTY
109 Bancroft Ave.
IVERSON, JOAN C.
83 Hanscom Ave.
LEE, TEXAS
217 High St.
LORD, SHIRLEY
136 Grove St.
LOUD, JOYCE E.
Bow St., North Reading
LOUGHLIN, JOAN
848 Main St.
MacLEOD, MARILYN L.
113 Longwood Rd.
MacMILLAN, SHIRLEY E.
25 Puritan Rd.
MAGISON, SHIRLEY J.
50 Pinevale Ave.
MAINE, JUNE L.
Hancock St., North Reading
MAXWELL, DOROTHY A.
24 Highland St.
McKENNA, JEANETTE
27 Longwood Rd.
McLAUGHLIN, JOAN M.
1055 Main St.
MERRILL, NATALIE O.
562 Summer Ave.
MUDIE, ANNIEMAY
75 Grove St.
MURPHY, VIRGINIA E.
Emerson Rd., North Reading
NELSON, SHIRLEY E.
430 Franklin St.
NICHOLSON, PHYLLIS F.
182 Salem St.
OLDFIELD, NORMA
138 Woburn St.
PETERSON, LOUISE C.
41 Longwood Rd.
RICHARDSON, W. ELEANOR
11 Eaton St.
ROBERTS, ELAINE T.
Cogswell Rd., North Reading
ROGERS, JEAN
119 Salem St.
ROWELL, JO ANN
202 Bancroft Ave.
SAWIN, NANCY U.
51 Walnut St.
SEIFRED, BARBARA A.
511 West St.
SELFRIDGE, CLAIRE E.
88 Colburn Rd.
SHELDON, EMILY M.
27 Hillcrest Rd.
SHERROD, BARBARA
14 Cross St.
SKELTON, DOROTHY R.
Eaton Ave., North Reading
SKINNER, MARION
36 Dunbar Rd.
STEELE, JOAN P.
Hollywood Ter., North Reading
SURETTE, PAULINE M.
46 Washington St.
TARR, H. LOUISE
13 Smith Ave.
TURNER, LORRAINE
151 Lowell St.
WEDGE, GLENNALEE
Mt Vernon St., North Reading
WHITE, JOYCE M.
177 County Rd.
WILKIE, PATRICIA J.
90 Mineral St.

## BOYS

AGLIO, JOSEPH P.
21 Cross St.
ANDERSON, GEORGE
78 Scotland Rd.
ANDERSON, WILLIAM E., JR.
183 Salem St.
ARSENAULT, ROY
36 Wilson St.
ATTARIAN, PETER J.
78 Winthrop Ave.
BABCOCK, PAUL F.
136 Howard St.
BARBER, DANA H., Jr.
12 Hampshire Rd.
BARRETT, KARL F., Jr.
20 Gardner Rd.
BATES, WENDELL
23 Nelson Ave.
BOLTON, HAROLD
40 Orange St.
BROWN, RICHARD
1198 Main St.
BUTLER, ROBERT
Haverhill St., North Reading
CULLINGTON, STANLEY
23 Eaton St.
DACEY, ROBERT E.
13 Hampshire Rd.
DAME, LLOYD B., JR.
79 Orange St.
DeLONG, LYLE
Harold Ave.
DESMOND, JAMES E.
8 Center Ave.
DOUCETTE, LAWRENCE J.
29 Center Ave.
DUBE, PAUL E.
216 Woburn St.
EISENHAURE, PHILIP S.
Haverhill St., North Reading
ENOS, WILLIAM
69 Linden St.
FLIBOTTE, GEORGE A.
Pine Rd., North Reading
FLOOD, JAMES N., JR.
151 Main St.
FORSBERG, KENNETH E.
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FOSTER, KENNETH
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FULLER, PAUL V.
Bliss Rd., North Reading
GIBSON, CLIFFORD J., JR.
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GILLIES, ROBERT E.
Main St., North Reading
GRANT, LAWRENCE C.
Oakdale Rd., North Reading
GRANT, RICHARD A.
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GUNN, RICHARD
37 School St.
HAM, RICHARD W.
Chestnut St., North Reading
HEFFERNAN, ROBERT
Emerson Rd., North Reading
HOLBROOK, RICHARD
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HOVEY, JOHN W.
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JOHNSTON, ROBERT H.
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KNIGHT, EMERY O.
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KROECK, ROBERT H.
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LENT, ALAN F.
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McSHEEHY, ROBERT S.
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MEIER, ALVIN A.
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MEUSE, RAYMOND J.
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MOORES, ROBERT E.
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NELSON, ROGER F.
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NIGRO, EUGENE R.
11 Middlesex Ave.
O'BRIEN, NEIL F.
169 Lowell St.
O'BRIEN, PHILIP H., JR.
30 Spring St.
PALUMBO, JOHN
21 Willow St.
PETERSON, ARTHUR H.
7 Wood End Lane
POWELL RALPH D.
13 Martin Rd.
PROCTOR, KARL, JR.
Chestnut St., North Reading
RAYMOND, JOHN M.
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REEBENACKER, MAURICE O., JR.
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REED, CHARLES B.
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SULLIVAN, DANA H.
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WALSH, JOHN F.
Park St., North Reading
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WILLIAMS, FREDERICK W.
45 Scotland Rd.
YOUNG, DAVID P.
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ZANNI, DOMENICK, JR.
[illegible] Lakeview Ave.

# Class Will




We in the Class of '48
Being of sound body and mind
Hereby wish to collaborate
And make a decree ever to bind.

BEQUEST I

To the faculty:
To Miss Cox, the presidency of the "Anti-Slang Society" —any recruits?
To Miss Batchelder, an effigy of Harold Bolton—a sure cure for her blues!
To Miss Drury, a pair of sound-proof ear-muffs to use at 10:40 A. M.
To Mr. Pope, a set of text books entitled, "How to Overcome Blue Mondays."
To Miss Zimmermann, a megaphone so that all those people with a sense of humor can catch her witticisms.
To Miss Burns, a 1949 model of spectacles—to keep her right in fashion!

BEQUESTS II

To "Cliff" Gibson we leave a soapbox and a speech starting, "Ma fellow constituents—" so he may more clearly express his opinions concerning politics.
To Ginny Murphy we bequeath the editorship of the *Saturday Review of Literature*, where she can publish some of her more inspired poems.
To Lyle DeLong we leave an engineer's cap so that he will look more official while running his steam shovel.
To Nancy Sawin we leave some of Carl Stephan's altitude.
To John Lyons we bequeath a private bus, which goes straight up north.
To Barbi Buck we leave a glorified kleenex especially designed to muffle the sound of sneezes.
To George Standbridge we leave some "Sensational Sweet Smell Tobacco" for his pipe.
To Marilyn Corke we bequeath a new no-squeak, no-leak fountain pen to replace her old one.
To "Pushy" Doucette we leave the presidency of Mudville Tech.
To Elaine Roberts we leave a song entitled, "All I Want For Chrithmath Ith My Two Front Teeth."
To Dave Young we leave a pencil and paper—he'll know what to do with them.
To Bill Anderson we leave nothing. He has everything with that wonderful smile and personality.
To Jo Rowell we leave a white cap and uniform that will come in handy when she becomes a medical secretary.
To Dom Zanni, Dick Brown and Buddy Bates we leave a crew of mechanics to make future repairs on their cars.
To Joan Iverson we leave a pair of binoculars so that she can see the Rowell abode more easily.
To Paul Dube we leave a portable typewriter so that his writing will be more legible.
To Barb Sherrod we leave a package of chewing gum so she will not run out of her supply before graduation day.
To Al Meiers we leave the head accountant's job at G. E.
To George "Harunk" Anderson we leave regards from Coach Crowley.
To Shirley Beaumont we leave a cool glass of lemonade to refresh her between more strenuous cheers.
To Peter Attarian we bequeath a lucky Canadian penny so that he can spend his last nickel without going broke.
To Joan McLaughlin we leave a gavel to replace the one that she lost.
To Mark Stone and Emery Knight we leave a profile of Abraham Lincoln as a consolation.
To Bob Dacey we leave a letter of introduction to baseball manager, Joe McCarthy.
We leave Dick VanHorn and Joan Loughlin to each other.
To Neil O'Brien we leave a pitchfork to use while working on Batchelder's farm.
To vivacious Pat Wilkie we give the power of dividing herself up so she can be in more places at once.
To Roger Nelson we leave a dictionary to offer to his listeners while they attempt to follow his extensive vocabulary.
To Shirley Nelson we leave a seat next to the driver in that grayish-brown Ford.
To all the "rah-rah" boys and girls we leave a big mock from Dom Zanni.

BEQUESTS III

The senior forwards on the girls' basketball team return the junior guards—for future use.
Domenic Zanni passes his mimicry on to "Bush" Ahearn.
Nancy Sawin bequeaths her magical paint brush to Nancy Richardson.
Ruth Dodge bequeaths her handbook, "How to Attain Height," to Lorraine Doucette.
Shirley Nelson awards her unique title, "Equestrienne," to Lillian Bagley.

We the members of the Will Committee
Having revealed all personal aberrations
And exhausted our mental inspiration
Here attest to the above declarations.

Natalie Merrill — Mark Stone
Barbara Gifford — Joan Rowell
Pat Wilkie




## *Sophomore History*

We were Sophomores. . . . Before us was a tall tapering candle, symbol of our future days at R. H. S. By our burning enthusiasm and ambition, we kindled a flame which flickered at first, but then began to glow steadily. It was at this moment that history began . . . the history of the Class of '48.

Just when we had begun to feel important and in the spotlight in junior high school, we had to assume a minor role on a new stage — namely, that of sophomores in R. H. S. We did not find the transition too difficult, however, for it was not long before we overcame our fear and humility, and began to fit into the scheme of things as full-fledged members of senior high school.

Before we could gain confidence and become accustomed to our new surroundings, it was necessary for us to overcome certain obstacles. Our first experience with rotary traffic caught many of us in a daze. It took us a while to find out that strange voices coming from nowhere emanated, in reality, from the loudspeakers. The maze of corridors and rooms added to our dilemma.

As soon as we had managed to collect our wits, we turned our attention to the election of class officers. The chosen few were Bob Gibson, president; Bob Kroeck, vice-president; Edward Ryan, treasurer; and Grace Hanley, secretary.

Even though we took no active part on the field during the football season, we sophomores showed great interest in this popular sport by attending all the games and rallies, and by exercising to the limit our vocal power. We were looking forward to the time when our own brilliant stars would shine on the gridiron, and were hoping that we would have as successful a season.

Along the line of entertainment, one of the most interesting events of the year was the Christmas play, "Christmas is a Racket." We especially enjoyed the performance, since our representatives, Joan Loughlin, Floyd Downs, Dick Ham, and Marilyn Corke, did such a splendid job.

After returning from our Christmas vacation, we entered the basketball season with much enthusiasm. We were justly rewarded for our support when the team ended the season with such a splendid record.

Just when we had begun to think that we were masters of our fate, midyear examinations arrived. Although this was a new experience for us, we did manage to survive the ordeal, and felt better prepared for finals.

Before we knew it, spring was in the air, and with its arrival came the thrill of putting on our first dance — the Sophomore Hop. The decorations created a miniature flower exhibit with the aid of a gaily decorated wheelbarrow bursting with spring daffodils. The end of the evening found the star-eyed couples pursuing the flowers as tokens of the festive occasion.

The warm breath of spring ushered in the baseball season. This sport drew out many fans, both participators and supporters, and the season proved to be a very successful one.

At last, one week of school remained and it was time for final exams. Even as we wondered how we were ever going to remember all we'd attempted to learn during the year, exams were over and the last day of school had arrived. It was time to blow out the symbolic candle and to store it away until our return in the fall.

Ann David

# *Junior History*

The candle had been snuffed out just prior to vacation. Ten weeks passed. The lazy summer atmosphere became, too quickly, the stimulating atmosphere of autumn. Before we knew it, September was back again reminding us that it was time to relight the remaining tallow. We relit it. The flame glimmered and then grew stronger as its light led us into a new year.

By the September of 1946 we had managed to pick ourselves up, along with our pride, from the polished floors of R. H. S. This new phase of our school life found us looking with pity upon the slighted sophomores, while we directed our envious glances toward the sacred seniors. To give impetus to a successful year, we proceeded to elect class officers. Leo Turenne became our new president while Shirley Beaumont calmly walked off with the vice-presidency. Our secretary turned out to be capable Pat Wilkie. Finally, we entrusted our bulging treasury to Edward Ryan.

As we look back over the highlights of our junior year, we can't help recalling our successful football season. It was action-packed from the first kick-off to the last touchdown. Our sparkling cheerleaders furnished acceleration. The end of the season produced the football banquet, remembered for its food, but outstanding for its caricatures by the art department. Richard Webb sounded the keynote of the evening with his taciturn speech, "Thanks." Our sentiments exactly.

The prom — we had heard so much about it and at last it was here! To us, the prom was the outstanding feature of our year. How could we ever forget the timely decorations, the heavenly music, and the beautiful belles that this gala event produced? Eddie, our treasurer, had to be carried out, after he learned the financial results. Fortunately we made a slight profit.

A menacing cloud was approaching R. H. S. What could it be? What else but mid-years! Everyone was wearing that fragile, this-side-up look, which is always brought on by last-minute cramming.

In basketball R. H. S. gained statewide recognition. Thanks to the expert coaching of a well co-ordinated team, Reading High found that she was one of the Class B finalists in the Tech Tourney. All enthusiastic sports fans were off to the Boston Garden to watch the team battle against Boston Latin. Although we didn't emerge triumphant, we did receive a handsome trophy—symbolic of our achievements in the field of basketball.

Something was definitely in the air. Mother Nature had dismissed the remaining snow and redressed the earth in an emerald cloak. The annual school "crushes" began to develop. Suddenly spring was in full bloom. It was in such an atmosphere that we held the junior-senior reception. We had been told previously that it was customary for the junior class to honor the seniors by giving them a reception prior to graduation. Co-operation on the part of the various committees made preparation all the more fun. A group of talented juniors turned out many clever devices of decoration. At last the night arrived — the turnout was great! It was then that we realized, a bit sadly, that next year would find us being honored at a similar occasion.

The end of the year was approaching. Finals brought their headaches; Class Day brought its laughs. The senior class had elected Elaine Roberts as Junior Girl and Karl Proctor as Junior Boy.

As the president-elect of the class of '48 accepted the symbolic torch, our fondest dream, that of someday becoming seniors, was realized.

We finally brought our glorious year to a close with the snuffing out of the candle. We would tuck it away with our other memories, until after vacation. Then, the flame would be rekindled.

Pauline Surette



# *Senior History*

We again recovered the candle from its storage place and touched a match to its dwindling wick. The flame flared with a startling brilliance, disclosing our greatest achievement—we were seniors, the big wheels of R. H. S.! We didn't feel as all-important and omniscient as we had pictured ourselves during our struggles to achieve this goal. We were merely over-grown sophomores and certainly not to be taken as examples of the perfect twelfth-graders. Much to our amazement we found that the lower classmen were looking up to us as guides and leaders; so, dutifully, we strove to fulfill their expectations.

Our first step in the right direction was the election of officers. Robert Kroeck, the president-elect of last spring, captained a sterling crew; Shirley Beaumont was again voted into the position of vice-president, while Barbara Gifford became our competent secretary and Edward Ryan still controlled the class coffers.

The first formal of the year, the Junior Prom, overtook our fleeting steps. It was our turn to sit back and relax while we watched the other fellow do all the work—not an unfavorable position at all.

Familiar sounds and sights of practice and rallies made us aware that October and the pigskin season had arrived. Although the breath of Fate ran cool over our attempts to trip the opposition, the thrill of football was sustained by a fighting and sporting team. The annual football banquet revealed the stars and lettermen for the season. The Ingersoll Award and a gift for the most improved player were presented to the deserving duo, Karl Proctor and Lyle Delong, respectively. The close of the banquet marked the termination of the first third of the season's sport schedule.

An achievement worthy of being marked down on our memory slates was the presentation of our senior play, "Hangman's Noose." A superior cast, aided by committee teamwork, brought to the junior-high stage a performance that will long be remembered.

The seemingly dim future that awaited us on our return from Christmas vacation was brightened considerably by expectations of a sparkling basketball season. The first game made us hopeful of another outstanding year, but Fortune chose to smile on the opposition thereafter, and, although our boys fought valiantly to uphold the title of "defending champions," their efforts were applied in vain.

Basketball was not the only interesting highlight of the early days of '48. Our pride soared as Barbara Gifford was elected D.A.R. representative and Carl Stephan was chosen representative-for-a-day in the State Legislature.

All these experiences are now behind us. The flame of the candle lowers. We now behold an exciting baseball season—it's no longer just a dream! Class Day, the banquet, and graduation, with all their formality and splendor have arrived—our school history is almost finished. The candle flickers, then goes out. There remains only the molten wax, which we collect and cherish — a souvenir of these wonderful years at R. H. S.

Elaine Roberts

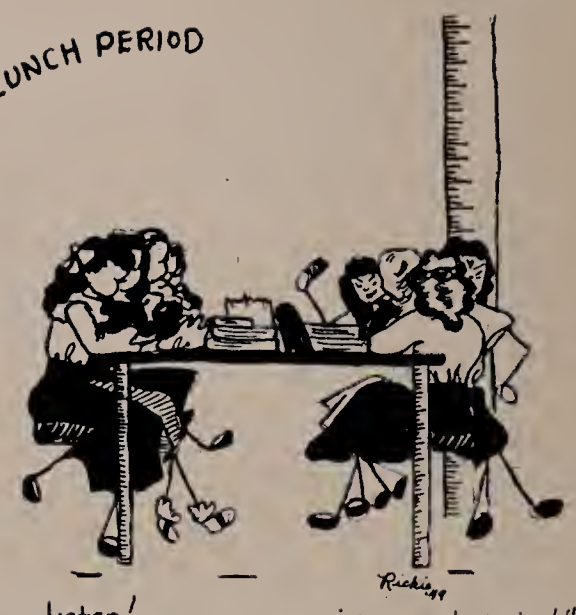


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# THE READING ROCKET

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## REUNION OF R. H. S. PROPHECY COMMITTEE OF '48 AT HOME OF DR. MAXWELL



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Back Row: David Young, Edward A. Ryan, George T. Standbridge

## Zanni and Nelson Campaign Against Mocker's, Ltd.

*Domenic Zanni*, well-known citizen of Reading, has launched a determined campaign against the organization known as "Mockers, Ltd." Mr. Zanni claims that he hopes to provide protection for Torre's patrons, as the group still has its headquarters "out front". If the affair goes as far as expected, *Roger Nelson*, who has just passed the bar, may find himself with a case on his hands.

### "RADAR FOR THE MASSES"— BARBARA BUCK'S BIG HIT

Miss *Barbara Buck* has again startled the literary and scientific worlds with her latest creative masterpiece. The book, a complete and simple explanation of the multitudinous uses of radar is properly entitled "Radar for the Masses." It should prove interesting for all the family, i.e., it has been banned in Boston.

The poem "Uncle Mark from County Cork" by *Mark (Blarney) Stone* has been accepted for publication by the *Saturday Evening Post*. "Blarney", who is Reading's lone, but not lonesome, millionaire, amassed his fortune by charging admission to tourists who wished to see his house, every wall of which is papered with rejection slips.

*Nathan Smith*, Professor of Mathematics at Harvard, has recently been elected president of "The Martin's Pond Poker Club".

### READINGITES PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK TYPE CONTEST

The National Speed-Typing Contest, held recently in New York, was won by *Miss Connie Gonzalo*, formerly of Reading. Among other Readingites who made good showings in the contest were *Christine Carney*, *Dorothy Skelton*, and *Joyce White*.

*Mr. Lloyd Dame*, has been appointed curator of the Museum of Natural History, where he has been employed for the past twenty years.

### *Prominent North Reading Agriculturist For President*

*Philip Eisenhaure*, prominent North Reading agriculturist, has launched his campaign for the presidency by giving a large dinner for his campaign managers from the New England states. Present were *Kenneth Forsberg*, manager of the N. H. division of the campaign committee. *Edward Welch*, manager of the Connecticut division, and *Paul Babcock* of the Massachusetts division. These three states are pledged to Eisenhaure for the Presidency of the International Farmers Exchange.

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# PEAL O'PARA

Quiz for Today:

1. When are we going to get a million dollar R. H. S?
2. What state is called Passive?
3. What is a scoop?

The answers you'll find somewhere below, I hope!

My dear, drag up a sedan. The years are leaping, but fast. It was leap year when I graduated from high school. Halter Hinchell mentioned on his program that *Bob Johnston*, the well-known comedian, and his wife are expecting—something or other, maybe a raise or even a grandchild. *Judith DeMatteo* pleased the critics at her recent concert in Sympathy Hall. They say she may make the Metropolitan program—coal, that is. . . .Heard *Arthur Peterson* made his million. Now he's chasing the ping pong balls. . . .*Emery Knight*, more familiarly known as Francois, rumor has it, is the leading disk jockey on the night shift on W J A Z Z. Today's paper says that *William Anderson* and *Richard Holbrook* were made rear Admirals. They always were the boys behind the guns. Blade all sharpened; now for some lather. — *Emily Sheldon*, I hear, is keeping books for John Harvard at his well-known establishment in Cambridge. They say librarians never die of high blood pressure. —Remember a duck named Petrillo? *Jo Rowell* used to sell his product in her music shoppe. Poor Petrillo, television took the oil off his feathers and he sank. (My Dears, there was no "T" in that word.) Another Massachusetts boy has made good in the big city. *Paul Dube*, according to the New York Times, has just been made President of the First Rational Tank of New York City. He's a product of Reading High, which also incubated *Edgar Louanis*, Fire Chief of Chicago. The latter was recently quoted in *Time* as saying that fires are hot stuff, and he might be right. —Now starting to shave. —A few months back *George T. Standbridge, III* made a record breaking ski jump of 369 feet. Rumor has it that this phenomenal jump was aided by his rapidly forming angel wings. They say he planed the last 200 feet! I see by the papers that *James Flood* and *James Trainor* of Reading flew their atomic powered rocket to the coast and back in ten minutes, and yet one of their wives was suspicious and said, "What kept you?" Say, rumor has it that Halter Hinchell is the fastest talker in radio, 400 words a minute, which is supersonic; but in a recent test, *Pat Wilkie* did 710 WPM. — Now wiping off the blade, — Answers to today's Quiz: 1. When *Eddie Ryan* gets the plans done and raises the money. It won't be long, or will it?? Seems as though they started that project in the pre-atomic age. 2. State of matrimony. 3. A thing you shovel coal with. — Wiping off the blade and putting the razor away. — Don't look now, but to insure a good crop of corn, it was customary for American Indians to have an Indian girl disrobe in the night and drag her garments around the cornfield — reproduced from an antique copy of the *Boston Traveler*, February 27, 1948 — Sounds corny—what about the wolves?

# *Will Punningham*

Your scribe has recently swallowed the latest dictionary available; and with due apologies for my present condition, before I have a chance to look up strange words that the Martians or the Perpendiculars (or even the Horizontals, who are well educated people), wouldn't understand, I hereby postulate, irrigate and gravitate—in fact, I even pontificate—that there are boys from Reading High who slip through the backfield of their opponents in the same way my two, three (or do I have four?) cars skid on the hill approaching my home. P. S. When I can't make the grade I phone the Pearl of her Sex that I shall be at my apartment on Beacon Hill or thereabouts, working my head off on this Reading High problem, if friend Ickes doesn't interrupt me while I'm writing, and doggone the old curmudgeon. He's no friend of mine; then I call up Marjory Mills and I ask what cooks. If nothing's cooking, then I might speak of the old days of '47 - '49.

Well, there's *Bob Kroeck*, nice fella; his dad was quite an athlete. Bob made the grade in the major leagues. A modern copy of old Si Young, but of course poor Si didn't have the atomic ball. And speaking of Reading High reminds me of those prodigies of the diamond, *Bob Gillies* and *Bob Dacey*, copies of old Ted Williams, the splendid splinter.

Years ago in my column I wrote of Hershey — a magnificent establishment, portending magnitudinous prospects.. Drat that dictionary; it's coming up again. From Reading came *George Anderson*, who really sweetened up the Hershey Bars, or was it Bears? Sort of an almond-eyed guy. Well, he sure could puddle the puck, as we used to say at Handover. Another Readingite reaching astronomical heights is my young friend, *James Desmond*, still playing, at the age of 40, a top game of basketball and coaching those super-sensational Celtics. *Clifford Gibson*, a former Reading star, is playing professional football with the Chicago Bears. He is one of the all-time favorites of football.

My madam and I drove over to Reading for a day, in the fall, to look over that Reading Atomic Team, and there was *Bob Heffernan*, Jr., the supersonic quarterback, who was coached by his father, and I says, "Madam, do you see what I sees?" And she says, "Yes, I see, but I don't believe what I sees." Reading's got a team to watch; they're modern rockets. I'm not as long-winded as usual but I'm getting old and I sure run down easier than I used to. (Written with apologies to Bill Cunningham.)

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# THE ROVING REPORTER

By *J. Winship Lyons*

Editors are guys who don't understand anything, including roving reporters. Today his highness called this lowly scribe into his sanctum sanctorum for the purpose of expressing his views on columnists whose columns, he says, no one reads. He said this column must be improved, made more vital and so forth, — or else an undertaker will grab it and bury it. I hope Karl Proctor doesn't hear of my predicament. The "*or else*" actually turned out to be a trip to Reading to find out what happens to people twenty years after they leave high school. Being as how I'm an alumnus of Reading High, naturally my investigational activities turned to my early haunts. I landed at Willis's Pharmacy. From the dark recesses of the back of the store there emerged a tall, dark, and handsome man who inquired if he could be of service. "Well", says I, "I'm J. Winship Lyons, the roving reporter. Used to go to school here. What's your name, Bub?"

He scowled a bit and said "*Barrett*, not Bub."

"Oh yes," says I. "Barrett. Used to be a soda jerk, right?"

"Right," says he, "and put the emphasis on the soda, please."

"Well, Bub", says I, whereupon I am sharply interrupted.

"The name is Barrett."

"Oh yes, right you are: well, what of the old gang? Who's where and who's somewhere else and what do you know and PSSSST —do you hear any rumors?"

"Yeah", says he, "but not on the record."

And I says, says I, "O. K., off the record what do you hear?" So off we go.

"Well", says he, "across the street there's *Phyl Nicholson's* dress emporium. Boy, they stretch them three or four ways over there! Nice gal and she's doing well, so they say, with two other forty-eighters as partners in her store. Sorta makes it nice for her and the trade. There's *Jean Rogers;* you know what a cute number she was, and *Nat Merrill*, smarter than heck. Boy, that makes a team."

I says, "It's always nice to see your friends get along."

"Well," says he, "that's nothing. You take *Eleanor Richardson*, *Dot Abbott* and *June Maine*, operating the best beauty salon in town — some say in the state. Why, it's common talk that if you go in their shoppe, your friends won't know you when you come out."

I says, "Bub, it's nice to see those forty-eighters do so well."

And he says, "Don't 'BUB' me anymore; otherwise, you're right. By the by, there's *Nancy Sawin* and *Elaine Roberts*. Remember them? They design for Phyl Nicholson. Just recently they made the headlines by issuing a statement opposing the new look of the *Louise Peterson - Barbara Sherrod* team of designers, — err, excuse me Rover, I have a customer."

And I says, "What do you mean, Rover? I'm no hound." Although after what Ed had said, I wasn't too sure. You can see those forty-eighters are almost as smart as the forty-niners, except they didn't go to California. So off he goes to wait on a lady who wants a prescription filled. Well, we reporters have no inhibitions and I thought she might be the source of some information, so I said, "Madam, I am Rover—I mean the roving reporter. Drat that Bub anyhow. I used to go to high school here. The name is J. Winship Lyons, and I spell it with a 'Y' not an 'I'."

"Well," she says, "is that so? — Hmmmmmm." Sorta careful with strangers, she was, so she says, "You work for a newspaper?" and I agreed.

I said, "I'm looking for local news."

"Well," she said sorta tartly, "many things are local but there's not much news. Did you know *R. Philip Lyle?*"

Digging back in my mental file, I said, "Yes, seems so."

"Well", says she sorta triumphantly, "he's president of the 69th National Bank, and his right hand man is *Alvin Meier*. Of course you remember him."

"Oh yes," I said.

She said, "You must know *Alan Lent* and *Bob Moores*. They run a photography shop here in town. Getting along well, I hear. Bob is in the AP photo service. Nice boys, too."

"Yeah," says I, "but what happened to *Barbara Seifred?* She used to be a clever gal."

"Well," says my friend, "she's become regional director of the telephone. Good gal to know; she hears everything."

Just then *Karl Barrett* returned from his back-of-the-wall machinations. He said to my friend, "That will be $2.00, please." Off she went with a curt nod.

"Well," says I, "Bub—."

He's a persistent cuss and says, "The name is Barrett."

"This has been an interesting day. What happened to *Phil O'Brien?*"

"Oh, yes. Why, Phil runs the largest garage in town. They are experts on atomic-powered automobiles. *Dana Sullivan* and *Paul Fuller* are his right-hand men on these atomic jalopies they are selling nowadays."

"Is that so?" says I. "Gosh, when I graduated all we heard about was the gasoline shortage. How times change!" The next customer who came into the store seemed familiar. He sidled up to the counter and asked for a bottle of reducing vitamins. All

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of a sudden it came to me—*Maurice Reebenacker*. The same old Reebe. So I ambled over and said, "Reebe, how are you?" He looked at me strangely. I said, "I'm J. Winship Lyons, the roving reporter."

"Well", he says, "glad to see you. What are you reporting?"

I said, "Darned if I know — looking for material I guess."

"There's plenty of material in our class", says he. "Now there's *Bob Butler*, the guy with the handy hands, —does wonderful cabinet making. Then there's *Dot Maxwell*. Why, they say she's cutting up something terrible—taking people's insides out. You know that she turned out to be a doctor. And *Betty Harrison*—remember her?—she's Dot's secretary. Another of those scientifically inclined girls is *Shirley Magison*. She's in the racket of taking bone pictures—X-ray that is. When those three gals get done with you, you'll need the attention of *Shirley Beaumont, Ruth Dodge, Grace Hanley*, and *Norma Oldfield*. They're all nurses.

I says to myself, "Heaven forbid I shoud be sick, but if I were I'd like to have that crew take care of me, especially those nurses."

Just then another customer came in and darned if it wasn't *Phil Spencer*. He say, "Well, if it isn't Rover."

And I said, 'Pardon me, the name is Lyons, the roving reporter."

He laughs and says, "How right you are! How've you been, boy?"

I says, "Good," without thinking and then I remembered what the Editor had said and I didn't know if that was the truth or not. "What are you doing now, Phil?" I queried.

He says, "I'm the local Mr. Woolworth. To me, nothing costs less than a nickel or more than a dime. How about you?"

"Oh," I says, casual like, "with me everything is for free and easy that is. A Rover—that is, a roving reporter—has to be that way. What do you do besides work?"

He says, "I take a great interest in the "Y". You remember *Peter Attarian;* he's in the work, too, director of the state Y. M. C. A. camp. Fine cause."

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Meier had a gala party last evening in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Meier is the former *Shirley Arnold* of Reading. *Miss Marion Skinner* and *Miss Lois Bennett* sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", which they had sung at the wedding. As I drifted among the guests, I reeognized *Ruth Berry*, who returns to dear old Reading from Canada as frequently as possible. Everybody was admiring *Shirley Batchel*der's beautiful tan, which she had acquired on her recent trip to Florida.

Because of the terrible winter, social activities have not been too numerous. Our faithful weather forecaster, *Carl Stephan*, says that this is the worst winter sinee 1948.

*John Hovey*, master of the Reading Lodge of Masonry, was unanimously elected to attend the state Masonic Convention.

When she assumes her duties as chief-of-staff at the Winchester Hospital, *Miss Audrey Galley* will be ably assisted by her secretary *Miss Grace Gonzalo.*

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*Wendell Bates* captured today the title of Midget Racing Champion. His jet car was designed by *William Stewart.* The trophy was presented to Mr. Bates by last year's champ, *Dick "Madman" Brown.*

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I said, "Yes", wondering if I should not have gone into that work instead of being a reporting Rover. Darn that Karl Barrett anyway.

Then he says, "Do you remember *Louise Tarr?* She's in the Y. W. C. A. placement service." I made a mental note that in case this "or else" didn't work, I'd better cultivate her acquaintance. These Editors are tough and not too understanding, especially about roving reporters.

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## NEWS

*Miss Lorraine Turner* has replaced Miss Nichols as teacher of gymnastics at R. H. S. Miss Turner plans to follow the latter's policies implicitly. Old R. H. S. grads will remember "Side! Over! Back! Front!" and "Left face! —and out the door!"

After she has returned from her vacation, *Miss Glenna-lee Wedge* will take over her duties as principal of the newly constructed grade school.

The opening of the *Lois Clarkson* School for Young Ladies will be a long anticipated event. The excellent faculty will include *Miss Texas Lee*, gym *instructor*, and *Miss Joan Iverson*, teacher of poise and elocution. *Miss Lorraine Guile* will be employed as resident nurse.

The Lord Secretarial School announces a change in faculty. The bulletin issued by Miss Shirley Lord stated that *Miss Claire Selfridge* and *Miss Audrey DePatie* will be instructors of stenography and typing. *Miss Mildred Dalton* will be in charge of the library.

A new settlement house has been opened by *Miss Joan McLaughlin* of Reading. Miss McLaughlin will be assisted by *Miss Pauline Surette*, instructor of arts and crafts, and *Miss Nancy Chadwick*, gym instructor.

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When school opens in September there will be two new members of the faculty at Reading High School. *Miss Joan Steele* will fill the position of shorthand instructor, and *Miss Jean Carter will* become the head of the art department.

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The new church which has been constructed in Reading Square will be open to all next Sunday morning. With the *Rev. Mr. Fred Williams* preaching, and *Miss Margaret Blood* at the organ, it is expected that the first service will be well attended.

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## STAGE AND SCREAM

"A VEHICLE NAMED BENNY", written, produced and directed by the star, *David Young*, opened recently in Boston. Noticed among the first nighters was *Donald Stevens*, who has inspired Mr. Young on past occasions.

*Miss Marilyn MacLeod* is now touring with *Ken Foster's* band, which will be held over at *Ray Meuse's* Bar and Grill for another week. The band also features *Roy Arsenault*, the famous drummer.

OPENING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT. The Gay 70's Review, directed by *Virginia Murphy*, the composer of the musical score. *Miss Joan Loughlin*, Broadway dancer will star in this new production.

Last Saturday evening, the DeMar string trio gave a concert featuring music by *Dorothy DeMar*, the leader. Among the selections was a duet, played by *Barbara Gifford* and *Shirley MacMillan*.

*Mr. John Raymond*, manager of the Reading branch of the Utility Gas Company, announces that a cooking demonstration will be given by *Miss Ruth Hall* and *Miss Joyce Loud*. *Miss Ann David*, prominent dietitian, will speak on the value of a newly discovered vitamin.

*Miss Mary Ann Bella*, who made a successful dancing debut on the Continent, will have the leading role in several of the colorful dances to be presented by the Ballet Russe during its stay in town.

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# GREAT OF '48

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| 6 *Jean Rogers* | Best Looking | 1 *Karl Proctor* |
| 2 *Shirley Nelson* | Best Dressed | 33 *Robert Johnston*<br>12 *Richard Van Horn* |
| 25 *Patricia Wilkie* | Cutest | 25 *James Desmond* |
| 11 *Texas Lee* | Best Athlete | 10 *Clifford Gibson* |
| 19 *Mary Ann Bella* | Best Dancer | 18 *Roger Nelson* |
| 25 *Patricia Wilkie* | Best Personality | 28 *Mark Stone* |
| 23 *Grace Gonzalo* | Best Natured | 22 *Emery Knight* |
| 5 *Margaret Blood* | Most Serious | 4 *Robert Kroeck* |
| 20 *Virginia Murphy* | Class Giggler | 21 *Paul McDonald* |
| 15 *Barbara Buck* | Most Sophisticated | 14 *Arthur Peterson* |
| 16 *Jean Carter* | Most Flirtatious | 17 *Lyle DeLong* |
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| 5 *Margaret Blood* | Most Dignified | 4 *Robert Kroeck* |
| 9 *Marilyn Corke* | Most Courteous | 4 *Robert Kroeck* |
| 25 *Patricia Wilkie* | Class Actress and Actor | 27 *Edward Ryan* |
| 29 *Barbara Gifford* | Ideal R. H. S. Student | 24 *Carl Stephan* |
| 31 *Barbara Sherrod* | Class Artist | 30 *David Young* |
| 35 *Shirley MacMillan* | Most Musically Inclined | 34 *Roy Arsenault* |
| 5 *Margaret Blood* | Most Likely to Succeed | 24 *Carl Stephan* |
| 13 *Joan Loughlin* | Class Couple No. 1 | 12 *Richard Van Horn* |
| 2 *Shirley Nelson* | Class Couple No. II | 1 *Karl Proctor* |
| 7 *Barbara Coppinger* | Class Babies | 8 *Harold Bolton* |
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# Graduation Program



# *Graduation Program*

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ESSAY — Edward A. Ryan, Jr., Class Honors

THE FARMER'S DAUGHTERS — *Williams*

GOD IS A SPIRIT — *Scholin*

A Cappella Choir

ESSAY — Arthur H. Peterson, Faculty Honors

ESSAY — Pauline Marie Surette, Class Honors

VALEDICTORY

Carl Hill Stephan

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS — Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES — Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS — Alexander P. Glover, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA — *Smith-Carey*

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION — Rev. Myles J. McSwiney

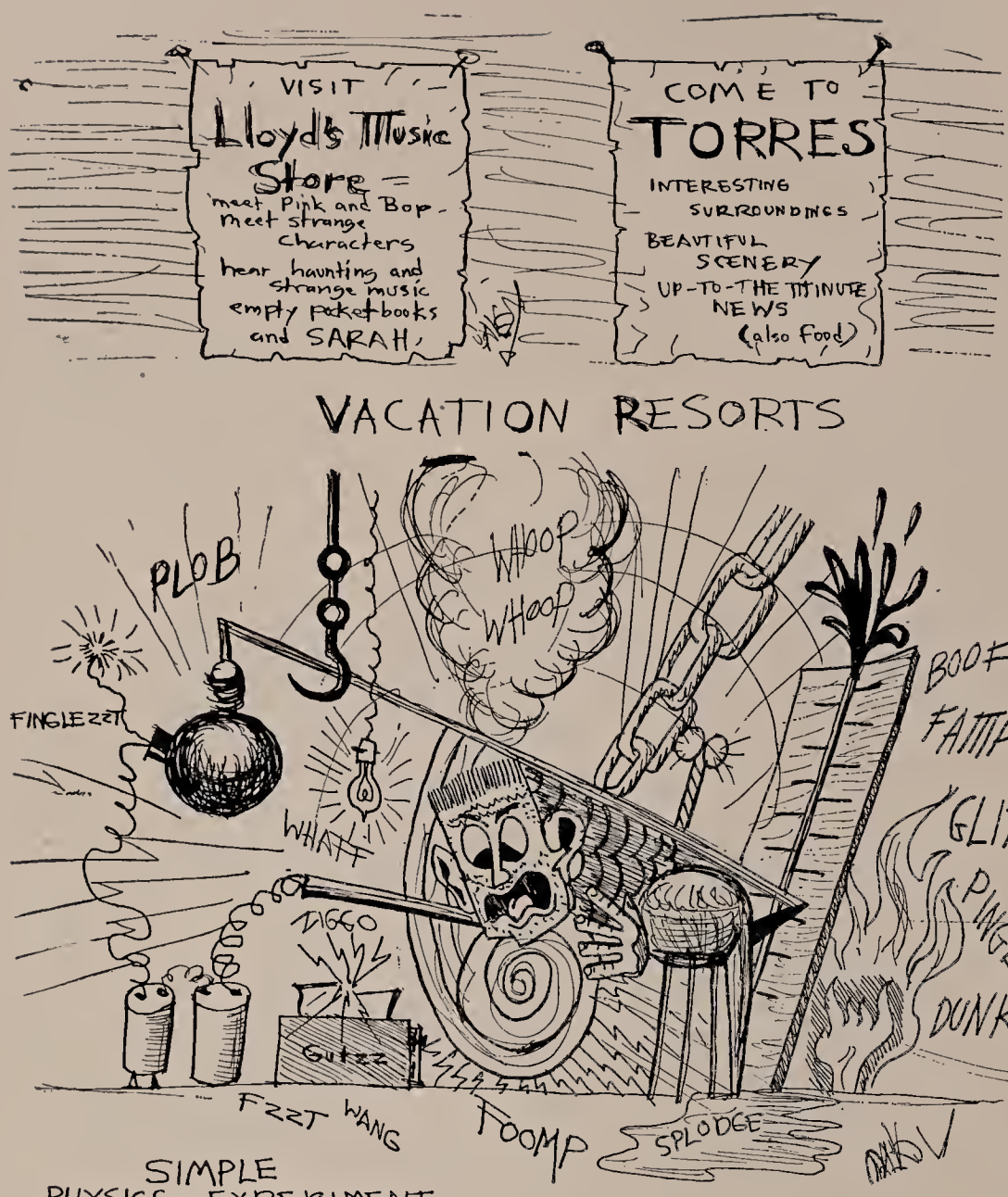
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High School Band

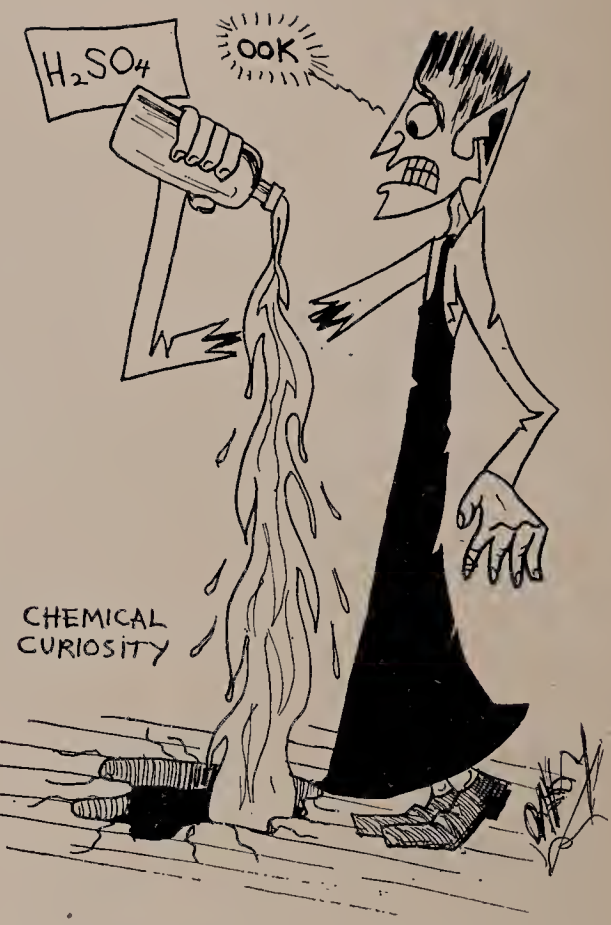
# *Graduation 1947*



# *Comic Class*




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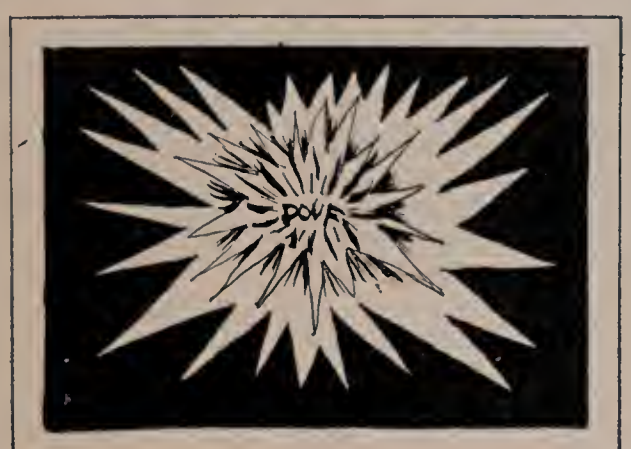



EXPERIENCED TYPIST-FIRST DAY

# *Comic Class*



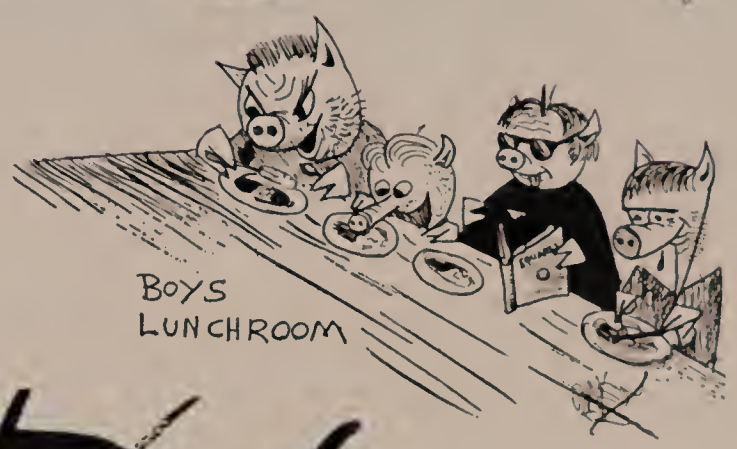

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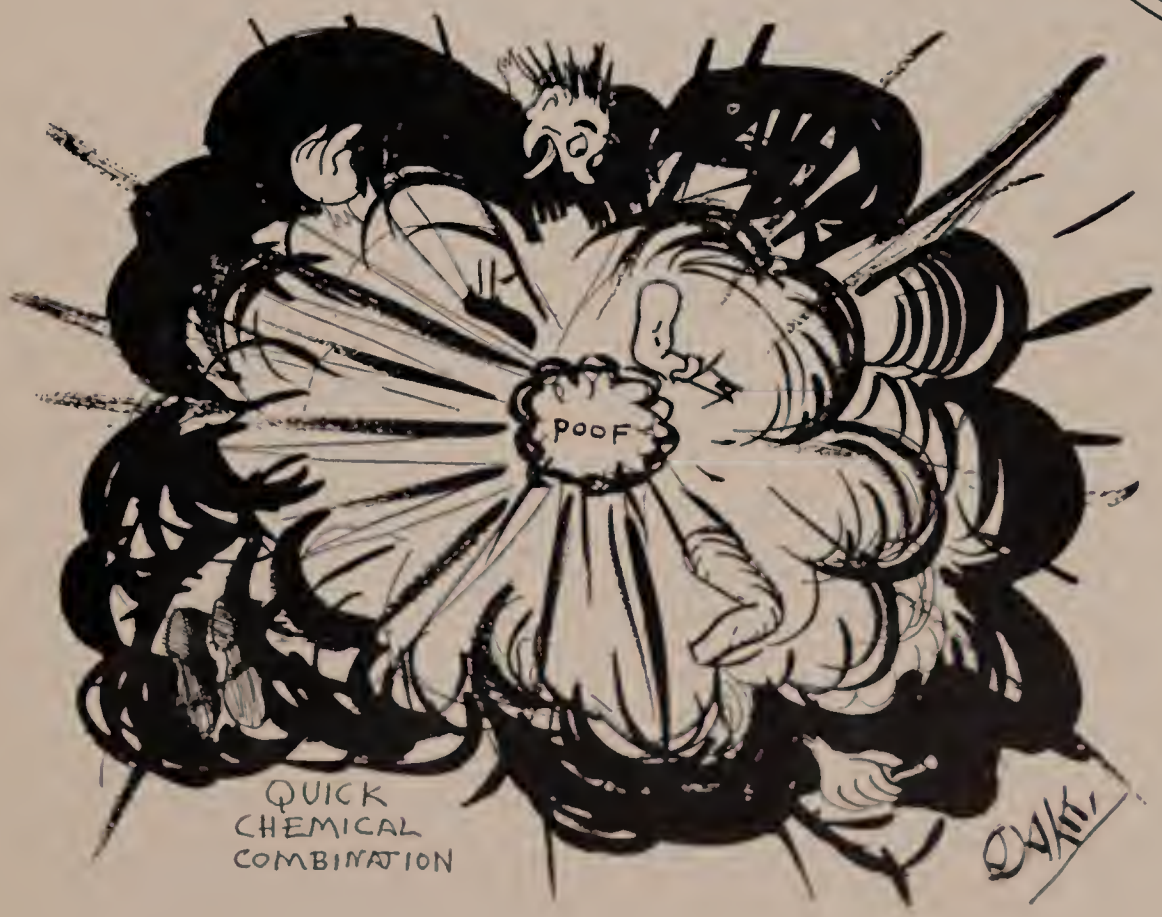

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MID-YEARS



BOYS LUNCHROOM




QUICK CHEMICAL COMBINATION



# *Sophomore History*

Plunk! Our vacation was over and there we were in a brand new environment. Behind the lectern stood Mr. Sussman, initiating us into the mysteries of the Reading High School. Here was something new and exciting challenging us. Behind us now was the junior high school, and ahead lay the rallies, waiting to swallow us up in the wild ecstasy of cheering for our own team, the football games, the basketball games, the midyears, the Sophomore Hop, the baseball games, and finals.

Class officers were eleeted with the usual amount of enthusiasm. Those selected to lead the Class of 1950 were George Morris, president; William O'Brien, viee president; Elizabeth Elwell, treasurer; and Doris Berry, secretary.

Home room representative colleeted elass dues. The figure was set at fifty cents per person, to be collected by the end of February. In general, the result was satisfactory. Ahem!

Teachers only:

(Students may peck.)

The homework this year was extremely heavy. Most of us could be found studying from two-thirty to ten p.m. each day. It cut short the time which we usually religionsly devoted to such things as calling on sick people, washing dishes, playing football—whoops, I mean taking eare of little brothers and sisters, and working on the atom bomb.

Pupils:

Seriously, the homework was not the terrible thing we had expected. Although it took a great deal of time, it was bearable, sometimes.

The midyears were quite a different experienee for all of us. To be able to come to school at ten o'clock if our periods ran that way, to get out at twelve, or to wander about the building between the tests appeared to be utterly luxurious until we had actually taken our first test. To some of us the results were pleasing; to others —well, we shall not mention that.

As usual, the Sophomore Hop was a dynamic success. Why should we be an exeeption? Held in a place formerly known as the study hall, the soeial event of the year proved to be enjoyable to all who attended.

Eaeh class has its own share of athletes, but it seems that we have been blessed with more than usual. Several of the sophomores were regular players on the varsity football team. At times during the basketball season the team appearcd to be composed of sophomores. Next year should certainly be an outstanding one in the field of sports for Reading High.

The finals were taken with a smaller element of snrprise and consequently were a bit more pleasing than the preceding exams. I think all will agree that our first year in the R. H. S. was a sueeessful one. As the long awaited vacation draws nearer and beeomes a reality, we may look forward again, this time to being the "ham in the sandwich," or juniors at Reading High School.

Allison Phinney, '50



# *Sophomore Girls*

Catherine Aglio
Nancy Alger
Barbara Anderson
Doris Anderson
Meridythe Armitage
Ruth Arnett
Elisabeth Babcock
Theresa Barrett
Jnne Batchelder
Mary Beaudoin
Jean Bell
Betty Bennett
Doris Berry
Ruth Berry
Marjorie Billingham
Barbara Brown
Barbara Callahan
Mary Carney
Marjory Caulk
Brenda Clark
Ruth Clawson
Harriette Colburne
Jeanne Cooke
Yvonne Courtemanche
Pauline Crosby
Barbara Cullinane
Nancy Davis
Lorraine DeLong
Eileen Desmond
Anne Deurell
Norma Dickinson
Alice Donegan
Anne Dube
Elizabeth Elwell
Janet Farnsworth
Thelma Fitzgerald
Eleanor Fulton
Nancy Glover
Nancy Haines
Ann Harper
Pauline Harris
Nancy Hathaway
Marilyn Hayes
Leslie Higgins
Gertrude Jefferson
Beverly Jehu
Claire Johnson
Nathalie Johnson
Dorothy Jordon
Virginia Kimball
JoAnne Lane
Rita Lehman
Alice Leonard
Aldana Livingston
Patricia Lothrop
Eleanora Lucci
Barbara MacLean
Barbara Magliozzi
Janice Margeson
Nancy Maxwell
Patricia Maxwell
Loretta Maynard
Barbara Meuse
Christine Meuse
Jean Meuse
Shirley Meuse
Lee Miller
Ethel Milley
Jane Morse
Phyllis O'Donnell
Carole Orben
Helen Poulos
Priscilla Parker
Joan Peck
Alice Penno
Nancy Phillips
Sally Piper
Janet Raymond
Pauline Richardson
Marilyn Ross
Petrina Russo
Fairlee Sanborn
Diane Scanlon
Walda Scanlon
Ruth Schultz
Alma Sellars
Rosalind Silva
Joan Silverio
Edith Singer
Alma Skinner
Olive Smith
Sally Smith
Carolyn Snow
Pauline Stephan
Jean Tonks
Selma Tonseth
Catherine Turenne
Mary Turner
Linda VanHorn
Elaine Vorrilas
Shirley Washburn
Virginia Webb
Ruth Wheeler
Jean Whitten
Lois Yuill
Evelyn Thornton
Pauline Turner
Deborah Upton
Virginia Weymouth
Lorraine Wheeler
Dorothy White
Martha Ann White
Deborah Williams
Lorraine Wood
Phyllis Zagorski



# *Sophomore Boys*

Colin D. Albee
Frederick J. Amirault
Robert W. Arnold
Paul F. Bacigalupo
Bruce A. Barmby
Donald R. Bella
Gordon T. Berridge
David K. Berry
Donald B. Blier
Robert Bouchard
Glenn E. Brown
A. Philip Brown
Peter J. Burbine
John P. Cail
David C. Carpenter
Earle E. Carter
Chipman, Wilmon B.
Richard M. Cleary
Frank Collins
Benjamin L. Conron
Jerry Crawford
James Dagdigian
Arthur David
Donald Davis
Warren Dean
Donald Decker
Joseph Deferrari
Barry Dennis

Roger D'Entremont
Dermot Desmond
Wilfred Dewey
Robert Doucette
Lewis Dresser
Leroy Estey
George Farr
Robert Ferren
John E. Flynn
Robert Foley
Robert Forsberg
Joseph Fraumeni
Charles Gallant
Philip Gallant
David Gardner
Selden Gerade
Theodore Gifford
Gordon Gillis
Charles Godfrey
Conrad Grant
Edwin Greenyer
Gerald Griffin
Jacob Ham
William Hamel
George Hanna
Donald Harris
Ralph Heselton
Robert Hulsman

Samuel Hunt
Robert Jones
Joseph Kennedy
James Killam
Richard Lee
Richard Lumb
Thomas Lyle
William MacBrien
Thomas Madden
Alan Martin
Charles Matthews
Robert McNulty
Joseph Meier
Albion Metcalf
Blair Metcalf
Robert Meuse
John Miller
George Morris
Robert Morrow
William Murphy
Philip Nichols
Richard Nickerson
Robert Norwood
Francis O'Brien
William O'Brien
Robert Owen
Leland Partridge
David Pelletier

Robert Peterson
Allison Phinney
Gordon Porter
Richard Roberts
Francis Rose
Benjamin Sands
Robert Savage
Lawrence Schumaker
Robert Selfridge
Charles Singer
James Smith
Robert Smith
Wilson Smith
George Sprague
Robert Standley
Joseph Sullivan
Richard Surette
Clayton Tracy
Bartholomew Valido
Roger Vansaw
Frank Ventimiglia
Paul Vincent
Richard Walker
William Warren
Richard Whelpley
Sidney White
Ernest Wood
Lawrence Woods



# *Junior History*

September, 1947, found the Forty-Niners, full of ideas, pep, enthusiasm, and—most of all—confidence, entering the ivy-covered walls in a much different fashion from the way they had a year before. (We feel for you, sophomores.)

As in every gathering of the multitudes there must be the few who lead. We found capable leadership in our officers: Noel Reebenacker, president; Doris Crosby, vice-president; Virginia Reynolds, secretary; and Robert Desmond, treasurer. In turn, Mr. Fitzgerald, as class adviser, guided the officers.

Torre's is, of course, *the* place to go after school, but football season found many of our classmates missing. These boys, Al Brown, Pete Cook, Donny Murray, Noel Reebenacker, Jimmie Sharkey, and others, were seen each Saturday on the football gridiron putting to use the plays and new tactics which the preceding week's practice had brought forth. It came as no surprise to most of us when Jimmie Sharkey, who had worked hard and steadily for the past two seasons, was chosen to lead the Rockets in 1948.

Basketball saw many more enthusiastic juniors on the court at the junior high. Although the season was not what we might call successful, Teddy Freeman, Howie Bussell, Ev Wheeler, Carl Wells, and several more did their best to keep the score up. Girls' basketball saw Connie Hutchins (who, incidentally, captained the second team), Barb Garey, Martha White, and Deborah Williams helping out the senior team and doing a good job, too.

Of course, we mustn't forget our contribution among the fair damsels who yelled loud and long, giving the team that certain "spirit." The junior representatives in this bevy were Nancy Buckler, Ginny Reynolds, and Deborah Williams. Phyllis Messier was on hand as substitute many times during the basketball season.

At every stair landing and dotted along the corridors at R. H. S. are those students who maintain law and order. The junior traffic officers were Tommy Krueger, Bruce Murray, Bill Towle, Ronald Haselton, and Pete Cook.

Our junior social calendar has been marked by two very successful red-letter dates. The first, which gave those who attended a wonderful start for the welcome Christmas vacation, was the Junior Prom. Despite the vicissitudes of Mother Nature, the floor was literally crowded with dancers inaugurating the holiday season. At the second event, the Junior-Senior Reception, given by the juniors to the graduating class, the winter's pine and mistletoe gave way to spring loveliness.

As the year flew by, the list of junior class "musts," which includes dues, guidance talks, and class rings, among other things, was satisfactorily completed.

When the Class of 1948 is graduated on June 9, we shall find ourselves on the bottom step of perhaps the happiest and busiest year of our school life. Let us hope that we can measure up to the standards set by Reading High, that the Class of 1949 will reach high scholastic attainment, and that our teachers will remember the Forty-Niners as having been worthy of their efforts.

Nancy Richardson '49



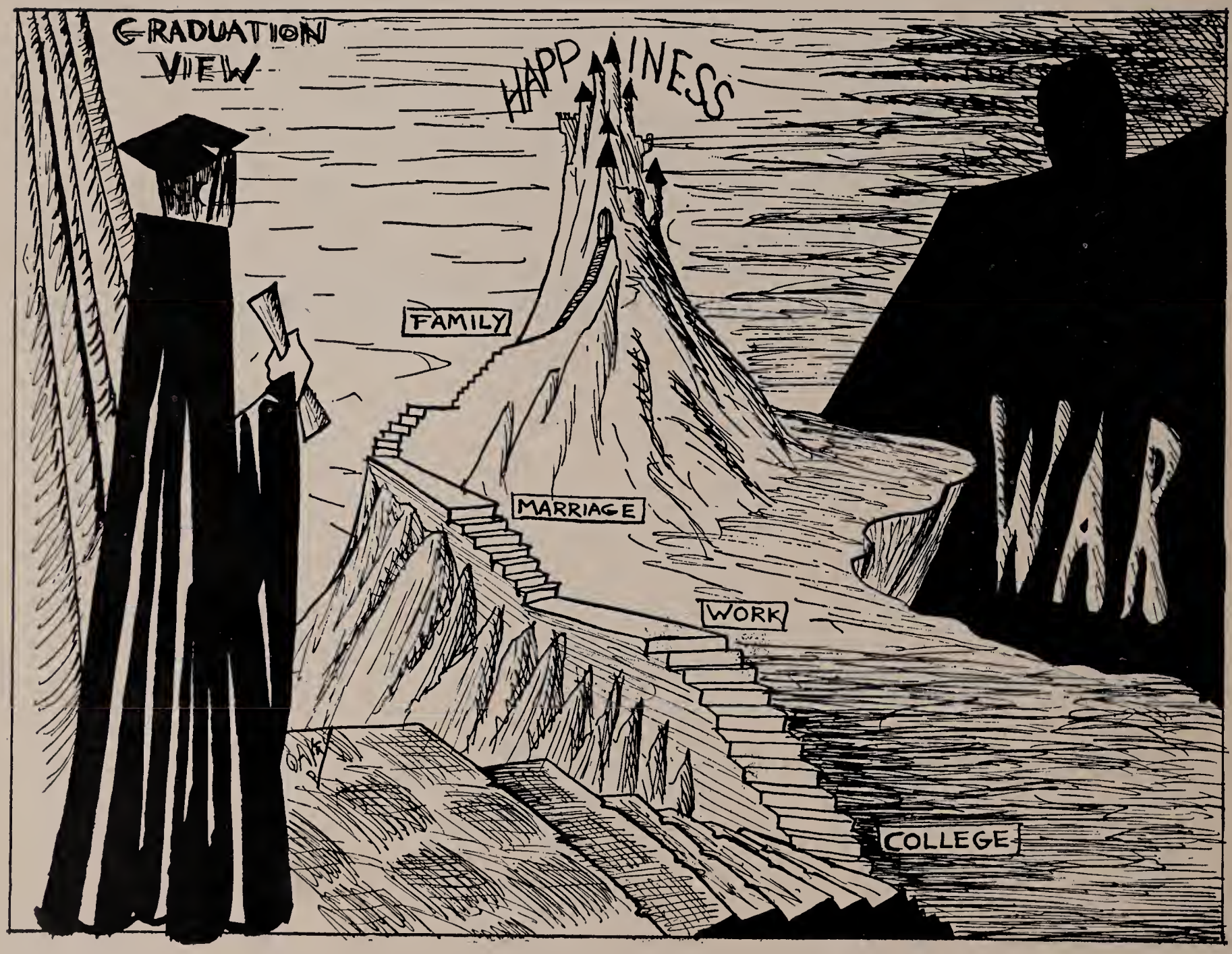
# *Junior Girls*

Shirlee Aims
Barbara Allen
Lillian Bagley
Joan Bell
Mary Berglund
Marion Brown
Nancy Buckler
Arlynne Carroll
Eleanor Caulk
Betty Chadwick
Ann Chase
Jennie Cincotta
Jean Colford
Patricia Connelly
Shirley Connors
Doris Crosby
Arlene Cullington
Rita Cunningham
Elizabeth Curtis
Margery Delano
Janet DeWolfe
Jane Dolben
Patricia Donahue
Anne Doucette
Jeanne Doucette
Lorraine Doucette
Ruth Doull
June Estabrook
Carolyn Fairbairn
Natalie Falle
Catherine Fallon
Harriette Flater
Jean Foley
Nancy Ford
Gloria Frasco
Lois Fulton
Christine Gadbois
Janet Galeucia
Priscilla Gardner
Barbara Garey
Shirley Gelotti
Barbara Gibson
Mary Gibson
Jean Grenier
Patricia Halloran
Muriel Harris
Grace Horrigan
Evelyn Howes
Constance Hutchins
Barbara Hyslip
Sarah Jigerjian
Barbara Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Carolyn Knight
Doris Lane
Charlotte Lappin
Barbara Lord
Jane Lumb
Kathleen MacPherson
Ann Maguire
Joan Maguire
Mary Malone
Jean Martorano
June Martorano
Nancy McCabe
Barbara McCabe
Eleanor McKenney
Jean Merrill
Bette Merriman
Marian Merritt
Phyllis Messier
Nancy Middleton
Julia Miller
Elaine Oram
Marjorie Pacillo
Marjorie Priestley
Jean Reardon
Florence Reynolds
Virginia Reynolds
Nancy Richardson
Catherine Roberts
Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Ruggles
Shirley Runge
Norma Smith
Joanne Spillane
Mary Squires
Gertrude Stanton
Alison Steele
Florence Sullivan



# *Junior Boys*

Robert Ahearn
Richard Anderson
Robert Anderson
Donald Arsenault
Richard Bateman
Ralph Berry
John Bilicki
George Blanchard
Daniel Bogan
Lawrence Bradford
Alton Brown
Howard Bussell
Shaun Caisse
John Campbell
Theodore Campbell
Peter Cook
George Crouse
Arthur Curtin
Arthur Dalton
Robert DeMar
Robert Desmond
Daniel Doran
Charles Doucette
John Doucette
Richard Flint
Donald Foster
Edmund Freeman
Joseph Gaffney
Sebastian Giuliano
John Greeley
George Hall
Ronald Haselton
Rudolph Hede
Richard Heselton
George Hickman
Stanton Hillier
John Jensen
Roland Johnson
Elmer Jones
Francis Kimball
Lawrence Knight
Thomas Krueger
Earle Livingstone
Fred Livingstone
Roy Long
Gilbert MacKenna
Robert McCarthy
James McMahon
John McSheehy
Paul Mecewitz
Ronald Meuse
Roy Milley
Arthur Morrison
Sherman Murphy
Bruce Murray
Donald Murray
Ralph Nelson
Elwood Newman
Robert Partridge
George Peters
Stanley Peva
Richard Priebe
Stillman Putnam
Noel Reebenacker
John Rigione
Alvin Scott
James Sharkey
Richard Sheridan
Anthony Smith
Paul Spaulding
Richard Spindler
Bradley Steele
Raymond Stuart
Paul A. Surette
Paul V. Surette
William Towle
Robert Upton
William Vercammen
Carl Wells
Everett Wheeler
Joseph Williamson
John Yorks
George Zanni
Robert Knox
Richard Tower


GRADUATION VIEW
HAPPINESS
FAMILY
MARRIAGE
WORK
COLLEGE


ACTIVITIES

# Band



The Band met for their first rehearsal a few days after the re-opening of school and began immediately to prepare for their part in contributing to the spirit and color of the fall sports program. Besides holding regular rehearsals, they spent long hours practicing marching and forming the initials of the home and visiting teams. Again this year the snappy, red-uniformed Baton Squad marched ahead of the Band, and their twirling received much acclaim. The efforts of all were well rewarded when they made their successful appearances at the football games and when they were among those honored at the annual fotball banquet.



# Orchestra

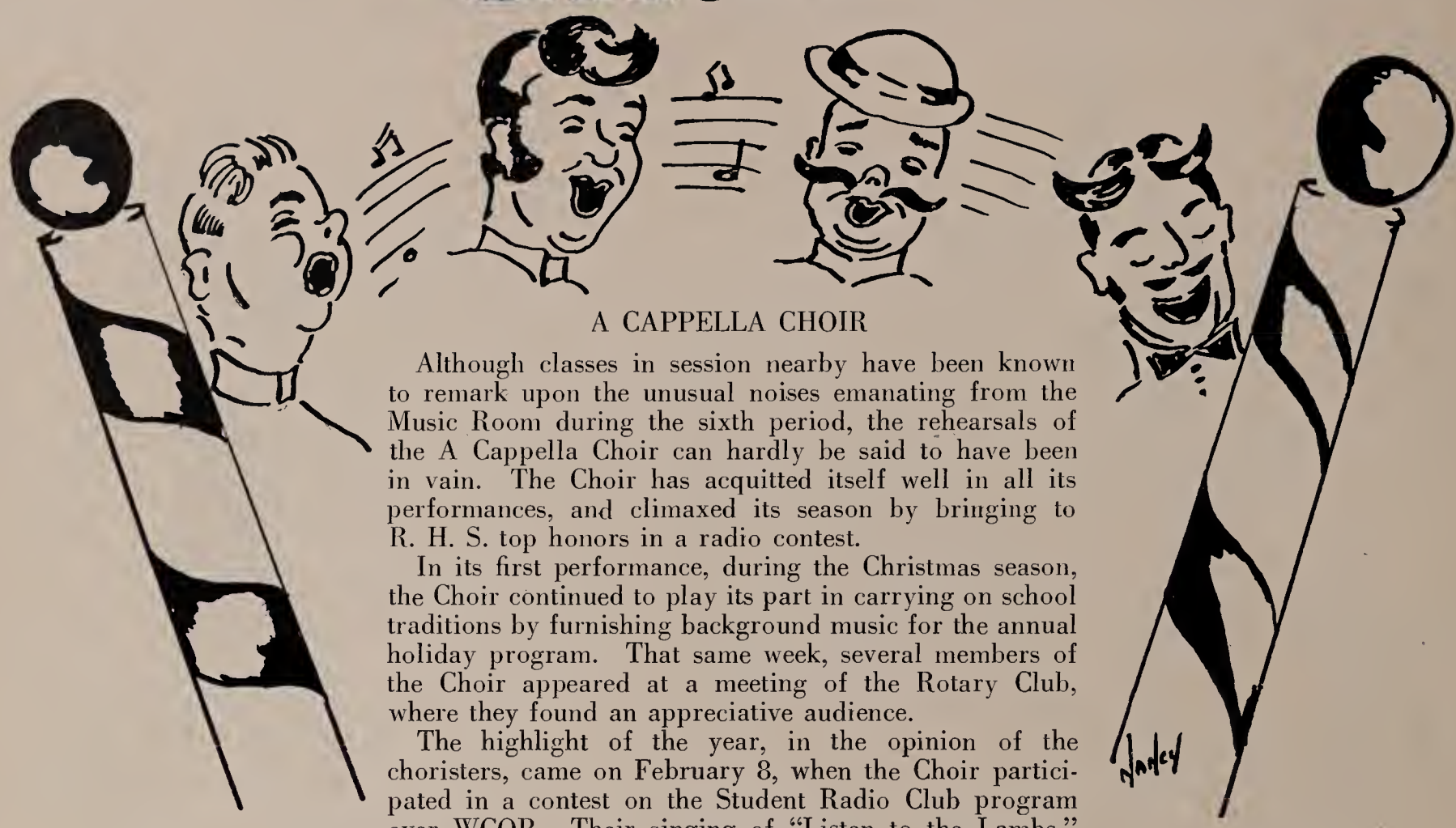


After the boisterous marches of the football season had faded into silence and memory, a small group of the intelligentsia of Reading High banded together to form the school orchestra. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon found the strains of gay waltzes and overtures escaping from the music room.

Quantity in the orchestra gave way to quality this year; there were only twenty-one members. Those who made up the small but talented group were Shirley MacMillan, Deborah Upton, Jean Colford, Barbara Gifford, Dorothy De Mar, Pauline Stephan, June Batchelder, Kenneth Foster, Kenneth Forsberg, Jean Whitten, Roland Johnson, Carl Stephan, Barbara Garey, Babara MacLean, John Jensen, Rudolph Hede, Margaret Blood, Janet De Wolfe, Donald Stevens, Paul Vincent, and Dick Priebe.



# Choir



## A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Although classes in session nearby have been known to remark upon the unusual noises emanating from the Music Room during the sixth period, the rehearsals of the A Cappella Choir can hardly be said to have been in vain. The Choir has acquitted itself well in all its performances, and climaxed its season by bringing to R. H. S. top honors in a radio contest.

In its first performance, during the Christmas season, the Choir continued to play its part in carrying on school traditions by furnishing background music for the annual holiday program. That same week, several members of the Choir appeared at a meeting of the Rotary Club, where they found an appreciative audience.

The highlight of the year, in the opinion of the choristers, came on February 8, when the Choir participated in a contest on the Student Radio Club program over WCOP. Their singing of "Listen to the Lambs," a negro spiritual, brought them the first prize.



# Chronicle Staff






"There will be a meeting of the Chronicle staff in Room F, at two o'clock today." Sound familiar? It does to the capable and faithful members of the Chronicle Staff, who, together with their adviser, Miss White, have met each week to receive assignments for articles which appear under the column headed "High School News," in the Reading Chronicle.

The staff, composed of junior and senior girls (note the absence of sophomore and male representatives), has been headed by two experienced seniors, Elaine Roberts, editor, and Joan McLaughlin, assistant editor. All activities of the high school, including sports, rallies, assemblies, plays, and club meetings, have been reported by the staff, which, by the way, includes the following students: Seniors — Marilyn Corke, Ann David, Joan Loughlin, Shirley Magison, Joan McLaughlin, Natalie Merrill, Virginia Murphy and Elaine Roberts; and Juniors — Shirley Connors, Barbara Garey, Nancy Middleton, Elaine Oram and Martha Ann White.

Two vital phases of the work of the staff are typing up the articles, and keeping a scrapbook of all articles as they appear in the newspaper. These two jobs have been done efficiently by the staff typist, Joan Loughlin, and the assistant editor, Joan McLaughlin.

At present the staff is looking forward to a visit to a large Boston newspaper. This trip, which will undoubtedly be interesting as well as beneficial, will be a just reward for the efficient work which has been done by the group during the past year.



# *Dramatic Club*

Despite several false starts, the Reading High School Dramatic Club was finally organized early in February. About fifty people responded to the first call for those interested in some kind of stage work. Since time was so short, it was decided to defer the election of officers and formation of committees until some later date. Instead, a group of seven volunteered their services in play reading and selecting casts for the plays.

When the first try-outs took place, under the direction of Mr. Spencer, club adviser, the original group of fifty had dwindled to a handful, mostly sophomores, plus a very few juniors. However, enough were present to cast two one-act plays. The first, *Spider's Web*, a mystery-drama by Arnold Helsby, was chosen for presentation at the annual Massachusetts Drama Festival, to be held this year at the Gloucester High School in April. This play seemed to have great dramatic possibilities, and it was hoped that Reading would receive a superior rating in the contest, in addition to some individual commendations. Sam Hunt, Don Davis, Bob McNulty, Libby Elwell, John Miller, and Jim Killam were chosen for the parts, and rehearsals looked extremely promising.

The second play to be selected, under the capable direction of Patty Lothrop, was *Nobody Home*, an excellent comedy by Noel Walters. Members of this cast were Priscilla Gardner, Nancy Glover, Marilyn Ross, Nathalie Johnson, Bob McNulty, and John Miller. A light comedy of this type was thought to be the best for presentation at a school assembly.

Beyond these two plays, no extensive plans were made. It was hoped, however, to have at least one more assembly and one radio play. With an earlier start next year, more could be done, with the possibility of more juniors and seniors showing real interest in the club.



# Traffic Squad

Traffic, in all its various forms, has always been a problem in one way or another. In order to keep traffic at R. H. S. moving in a smooth and efficient manner and to insure the observation of our rotary traffic laws, the school delegates various boys to be temporary "cops." They act not only as pillars around which to walk, but also as actual officers who demand respect and who are empowered to mete out punishment for violations of well-known rules.

Most of the officers that are to be seen on duty each day have been on the squad for two years. Under the system designed by Mr. Althoff, seniors have constituted the majority of the squad this year, aided and abetted by a few juniors. Sophomores will replace the seniors at graduation, while the juniors will move up to take the lead for 1948-49.

Such surprise occurrences as fire drills have proved the squad's leadership and alertness. This year's squad has been characterized by its energetic and zealous approach to its duties. The members have recognized their responsibilities and carried out their obligations to the best of their ability. The squad is grateful to the members of the student body for their cooperation during the year.






# *Freedom Train*

One Friday morning, early in October, the senior history classes enjoyed the privilege of making a trip to Lynn to view the Freedom Train. Two bus-loads of anticipant seniors left R. H. S. shortly after nine o'clock and soon were on their way. A week's suppressed energy and merriment was released as we bounded towards Lynn. Fortunately, our escorts, Mr. Hanlon and Mr. Bronner, were very congenial. When we reached our destination, we were greeted with the salty aroma of the ocean.

As we got off the buses, we discovered that a few hundred other persons had the same purpose in mind that we did. The sleek red, white, and blue Freedom Train was in waiting at the Lynn station to welcome its many visitors. Following the example of the crowd, we took our place at the end of the line and prepared to wait our turn. The time passed quickly, since there were such diversions as the ice cream man and a near-by sound truck. At last we reached the end of the lengthy line and were ready to make our entrance. Mr. Bronner was on hand with his camera to take various group poses.

As we entered the train, soft strains of some memorable song of the past broke through the silence of our anticipation and set the mood for our ensuing tour. On either side of each car, behind elaborately paneled casings, we beheld the original documents that helped to form the history of America. These documents were chronologically arranged, beginning with the discovery of America and continuing through the second World War. So many momentous papers were presented to the observer that it was impossible to absorb the full significance of the contents of each and every one. Some made deeper impressions upon us than others, depending largely upon the individual. The U. S. Marines, responsible for the management of this tour, offered no comment on the exhibition, for each document was self-explanatory.

The preservation of these old papers seemed almost incomprehensible from the point of view of time. The old-fashioned script, the yellowness due to age, the marginal comments—all momentarily transported us far back into history. Here were visible bonds linking the past with the present. Perhaps the most interestiing of the documents were the papers stating the surrender terms of the German Empire and later those of the Japanese which terminated World War II. Besides the many documents, treaties, and historic letters, some of the flags famous in our history were displayed.

We express our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Bronner, and all others who made this worthwhile opportunity possible. These many documents, presented in such an impressive way, had much significance to us as citizens of the United States. The exhibition helped to clarify in our minds the governmental procedures of our country and to awaken us to our duty as citizens of tomorrow. We realize more than ever that we must endeavor to carry on the torch which was lighted by our forefathers and which has guided each succeeding generation along the highway of democracy.



# *Pioneers*

"Many hands make light work," goes the old saying. We're not so sure about the "light work," but we do know that all hands enjoyed getting out the 1948 edition of the *Pioneer*. Skipper of the project this year was Edward Ryan, formally known as our Editor-in-Chief; Barbara Gifford, John Lyons, and Joan McLaughlin were his assistant editors.

Members of the literary staff, who worked directly under these four officers, were the following: Ruth Berry, Margaret Blood, Christine Carney, Jean Carter, Marilyn Corke, Ann David, Richard Ham, Joan Iverson, Shirley MacMillan, Dorothy Maxwell, Paul McDonald, Natalie Merrill, Virginia Murphy, Phyllis Nicholson, Eugene Nigro, Elaine Roberts, Emily Sheldon, Carl Stephan, Mark Stone, Fred Williams, David Young, Carolyn Knight, Kathleen MacPherson, Allison Phinney, Nancy Richardson, and Deborah Upton. Miss Shay supervised the workings of the literary group.

The art staff, under the guidance of Mr. Kibbe, was led by Shirley Nelson and Nancy Sawin as co-editors. This talented group of workers included Barbara Buck, Mildred Dalton, Ann David, Mark Stone, Pauline Surette, and David Young.

Shirley Beaumont was chairman of the busy crew who obtained the advertisements so vital to the success of any yearbook. Working under the supervision of Miss Bishop, the group included Shirley Batchelder, Nancy Chadwick, Lois Clarkson, Grace Hanley, Shirley Magison, June Maine, Robert Moores, Norma Oldfield, Jo-Ann Rowell, William Stewart, Pat Wilkie, and Fred Williams.

Circulation chairman for the book was Fred Williams, who was in charge of the following homeroom helpers: seniors, Joan Iverson, Shirley Batchelder, June Maine, and Lois Clarkson; juniors, Shirley Aims, Barbara Garey, Elaine Oram, and Nancy Richardson; sophomores, Barbara Brown, Donald Davis, Patricia Lothrop, Carol Orborn, Alma Skinner, Dorothy White, and Katherine White. Mr. Hanlon was faculty adviser.

Two very faithful and cooperative people (who wished, no doubt, that they had more hands) were our typists, Jeanette McKenna and Joan Loughlin. We kept them busy preparing for the printer the material that was finally to be brought together in our yearbook — the *Pioneer* of 1948.



# *Senior Play*

Talent, ambition, and hard work were the ingredients that made this year's senior play an unquestionable success. *Hangman's Noose,* by George Batson, seemed to have been written especially for the varied acting talents of the Class of '48. The casting was perfectly done and everyone agrees that the play, under the skillful direction of Mr. Spencer, was presented with an almost professional ease and ability.

Rehearsals began immediately after the names of the successful candidates were posted, and not all was boring drudgery. The entrance of the right character at the wrong time or the sudden acquisition of a foreign accent was sufficient to break the monotony and provide several laughs.

As the curtain opens on *Hangman's Noose,* Martha, the maid (Louise Tarr), ably introduces a dark mood of foreboding which prevails throughout the rest of the play. Her mistress, Caroline Keating (Barbara Buck), is a tall sophisticate who writes mystery stories. Her brother had been murdered exactly two years ago and the guilt placed upon her nephew, Gareth Keating (David Young). Caroline, believing Gareth to be innocent, has been hiding him in her house for several months. For the purpose of trapping the killer, Caroline feigns death and has ordered her lawyer, Oliver Keep (Fred Williams), to assemble her grasping relatives for the reading of her will. Included in the congregation of money-mad relatives are Gail (Virginia Murphy), a coquettish cousin who has just returned from her third trip to Reno; Lorna Keating (Emily Sheldon), Caroline's easily shocked sister; Phil Lassiter (Richard Ham), a successful businessman who comes more out of curiosity than anything else; and Henry Gordon (Edward Ryan), a spendthrift who is in dire financial need. Humor and comic relief are provided by the presence of Ella Norris (Patricia Wilkie), an old-maid schoolteacher whose antics and expressions keep the audience in laughter, and who eventually blunders onto the identity of the murderer. Love interest is provided by Polly Moore (Shirley MacMillan), who has loved Gareth for several years and is fighting, along with Caroline, for his innocence.

Caroline's plan backfires when the house is electrified by the murders of both Martha and Keep, who evidently knew too much. Henry Gordon is finally discovered to be the murderer and, with true poetic justice, he is killed by his own knife while trying desperately to escape the wrath of Caroline and the rest of the family.

To complete the audience's enjoyment of the evening, the Senior High School orchestra played several pieces between the acts, and, after the final curtain, tokens of appreciation were presented to the director, Arthur Spencer, and to the senior class adviser, Miss Florence Nichols.

The show was truly a recognized success, even to the extent that several young admirers waited backstage until they had collected the autographs of the stars — a fitting tribute to a deserving cast.



# *Senior Play Committees*

With every success must come hard work, and the Senior Play this year was certainly no exception. Much credit goes to the capable and industrious members of the play cast, but let's not overlook the unsung heroes of the play—that is, the members of the various committees. The tasks of this hard-working and diligent crew were numerous and perhaps not too glamorous.

Among those workers who kept things running smoothly behind stage was the capable stage manager, Robert Moores. Under his direction was the technical crew, composed of Joseph Aglio, Paul Babcock, Wendell Bates, Richard Brown, Robert Gillies, Raymond Meuse, and Kenneth Foster. Their task was to put up the set, provide sound effects, and find the *right* lights.

With the presentation of "The Hangman's Noose", the poster committee, made up of the senior art class, had a perfect theme on which to work. Talent and imagination were put to use to produce appropriate effects of nooses, blood, and daggers. The committee responsible for the numerous eye-attracting posters seen about town consisted of Ann David, chairman; Barbara Buck, Mildred Dalton, Shirley Nelson, Louise Peterson, Jean Rogers, Nancy Sawin, Barbara Sherrod, Pauline Surette, Glennalee Wedge, and David Young. The publicity committee, Shirley Magison and Arthur Peterson, were responsible for the notices in the Reading *Chronicle*.

Much credit should be given to the diligent properties committee. The chairman, Joan McLaughlin, assisted by Shirley Beaumont, Grace Hanley, John Lyons, Paul McDonald, Natalie Merrill, and Eugene Nigro, had a lot of fun searching for the necessary props.

The problem of costumes was solved by the committee composed of Nancy Sawin, chairman; Lois Clarkson, Barbara Gifford, Dorothy Maxwell, and Shirley Nelson. These girls were also helpful backstage in changing costumes.

The sale of tickets was managed by three capable girls —Nancy Chadwick, Shirley Batchelder, and Texas Lee. The business of the junior high performance was successfully directed by Ruth Berry and Christine Carney.

Looking very attractive on the important occasion were the ushers, candy girls, and program girls. The group of tall ushers, headed by Carl Stephan, included Peter Attarian, Robert Dacey, Paul Dube, Emery Knight, Robert Kroeck, George Standbridge, and Mark Stone. The bevy of lovely candy girls in evening dress who made their appearance in the aisles between scenes consisted of Norma Oldfield, chairman; Margaret Blood, Marilyn Corke, Joan Iverson, Joan Loughlin, Jean Rogers, Jo Ann Rowell, and Marion Skinner. Providing programs was the group of girls, also in evening dress, headed by Jeanette McKenna, assisted by Shirley Arnold, Mildred Dalton, Judy De Matteo, Constance Gonzalo, Grace Gonzalo, Joan Steele, and Lorraine Turner.

We can't neglect to mention three indispensable people who worked exceptionally hard: the director, Arthur L. Spence; student director, Elaine Roberts; and the class adviser, Florence G. Nichols.

The results brought about by the smooth-working cast and crew showed that all had in mind one goal—to make the Senior Play of '48 a brilliant success. They did!

# *Camera Club*



# *Golf Team*

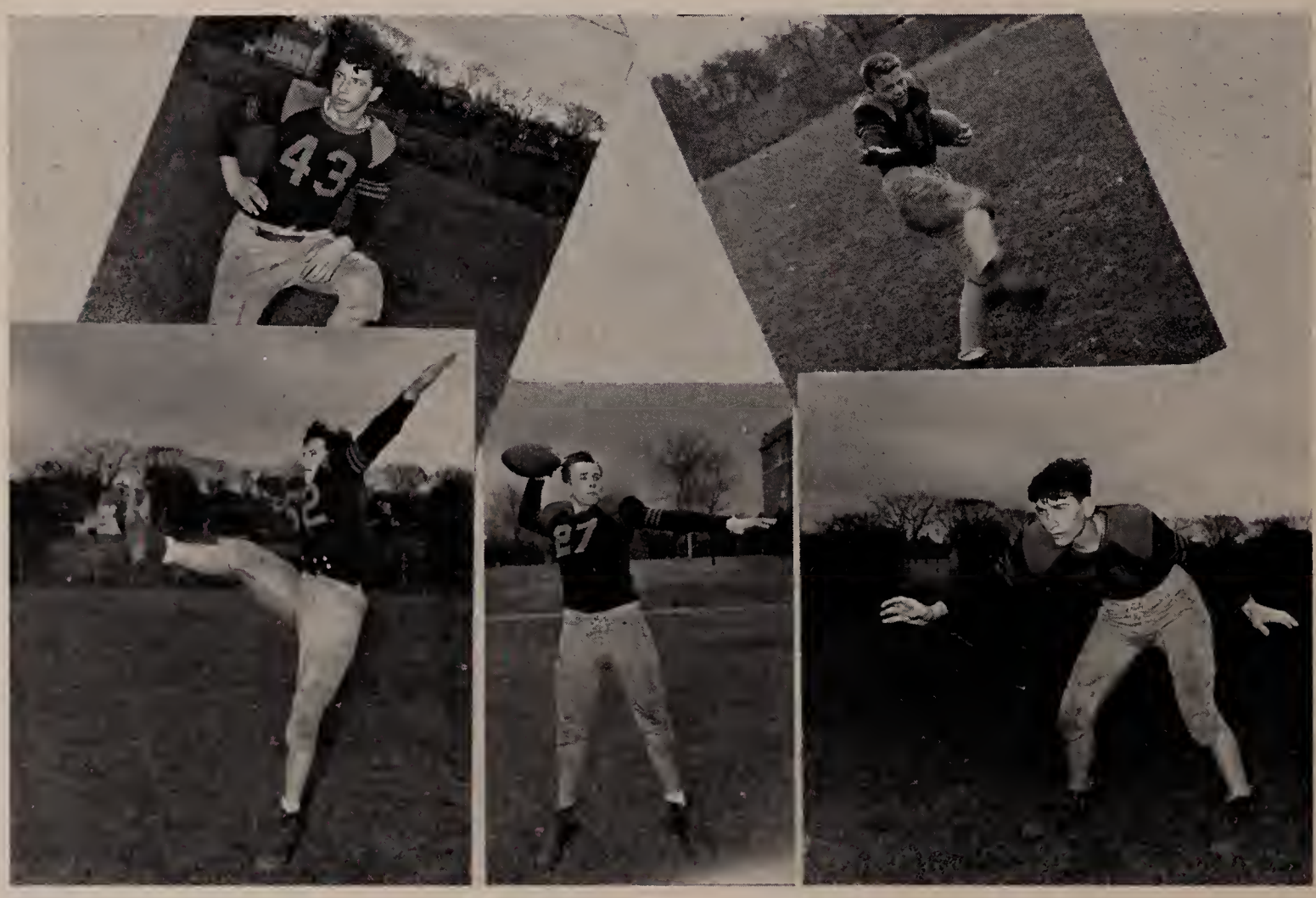


# SPORTS



# *Football*







# *Football*

The 1947 edition of the Rockets was a football team with an abundance of spirit and a shortage of luck. Although the team gained only two victories and two ties in a ten-game schedule, spectators and coaches alike will agree that with a few more "breaks" on their side the Rockets might have had a much better record. Nevertheless, the members of the team remained in high spirits and fought hard in every game during the season.

Head Coach Joe Crowley, starting his second season in Reading, and his assistant coaches, Ed Kevorkian and Al Bennett, were faced with the task of rebuilding the team, since nine of last year's first eleven had been graduated. The coaches worked long and hard, and they prepared an inexperienced, but promising, team for the season. The nucleus of this team was the returning lettermen, Webb, Proctor, Palumbo, Knight, Heffernan, Meuse, and Sharkey.

The Rockets got off to a very poor start, when they lost the first three games of the season. However, those games were against three powerful teams, Danvers, Wellesley, and Swampscott. The games with Danvers and Wellesley were very close, and the Swampscott game was closer than the 27-7 score indicates. For the fourth game of the season the Rockets journeyed to Andover to play Punchard High. The faithful rooters went away partially pleased, as the team had battled to a scoreless tie. The following Saturday, Reading put up a stiff fight against Woburn, one of the powerful teams in Class C, before yielding in the fourth quarter 6-0. Finally the Rockets broke into the victory column with a 7-6 victory over Lexington. In this game the team came from behind in the closing minutes to gain a well-earned victory. With high spirits the team prepared to pull an upset by defeating traditional rival Winchester. However, Winchester weight proved a deciding factor, and Reading went down to defeat in a hard-fought game by the score of 19 to 7.

On account of the slippery, muddy field, the Cambridge Latin game resulted in another scoreless deadlock. Although the Rockets pushed the "Cantabs" all over the field, neither team could score through the rain and mud. A big hard-hitting Wakefield High team came to Reading the following Saturday, and overcame the Rockets by the score of 19 to 7 in another game that was closer than the score would indicate. On Thanksgiving morn, R. H. S.'s Rockets finished their season with a blaze of glory by overcoming Stoneham High's twelve-point lead to win 14-12.

During the season Captain Dick Webb was an outstanding player and leader. Karl Proctor, recipient of the Ingersoll award, was Reading's offensive "spark plug" in every game. Palumbo, Lyons, Stone, Reebenacker, Doucette, Cook, and Morris were other backs who played well. Lyle DeLong received the "best lineman" award. Knight, Dube, Heffernan, Cowhey, Sharkey, Bella, Murray, Meuse, Brown, and Anderson were other outstanding linemen. Jim Sharkey, an outstanding guard in every game, was elected captain for next year. In addition to Captain Jim, there will be seven other returning lettermen, Murray, Doucette, Cook, Morris, Reebenacker, Bella, and Brown. It is hoped that with the aid of these boys, next year's Rockets will scale the heights of pigskin glory.




# *Cheerleaders*

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Captain Shirley Beaumont, Jo Ann Rowell, Shirley MacMillan, Virginia Murphy, Elaine Roberts, Nancy Buckler, Virginia Reynolds, Deborah Williams, Phyllis Messier.

STATISTICS

*Theme Songs* — "Goodbye, My Lady Love", "You Gotta Be a Football Hero", "Until the Real Thing Comes Along."

*Pet Prejudice* — Our teams — win or lose.

*Proudest Possessions* — "Our" bench, miniature megaphones, two-year-man letters.

*"Burning" Memory* — Weekend at Ginny M.'s, Brier Neck.

*Fondest Memory* — For '46 squad veterans, the Tech Tourney.

*Banes* — Acka-lacka-chee, pea shooters, Albion's omnipresent camera.

*Pet Dread* — Being criticized by former squad members.

*Most Hilarious Experiences* — Rides to "away" basketball games with the team.

*All-Time Record* — Our presence at every game.

MEGAPHONE MUSINGS

Our debut at Danvers . . . that new feeling of being watched . . . the merry crowds and renewed confidence at home-games . . . that eventful Swampscott game . . . the score doesn't tell the whole story . . . the fellas *really* played . . . and our bench toppled over . . . accompanied by four of us . . . much to the crowd's amusement . . . and our embarrassment . . . the disappointing Punchard game . . . but, in Mick's own words, "the kids really cheered" . . . Shirley's urgent plea through clenched teeth to "STRAIGHTEN THAT LINE!" . . . the coal-dust of fair Woburn . . . we were irked intensely by W. H. S. girls' uniforms . . . oh, well, 'tis said, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" . . . everything "clicked" . . . at Lexington . . . the day was bright in more ways than one . . . the bus came alive with that never-to-be-forgotten chant, "We won, 7 to 6" . . . the Cambridge Latin game brought an end to our perfect weather streak . . . "vainly" we tried to protect perfidious curls with programs, mittens, and megaphones . . . 'course we always did enjoy Wakefield . . . the drizzly day added to the fun . . . that track wasn't *very* muddy . . . OH, NO? . . . complete about face the next game . . . crisp, clear, cheer-inspiring morning . . . knocked ourselves out cheering for everyone and everything we could think of . . . realizing we had better make it good . . . because this was the grand finale as pigskin rooters for Captain Shirley, Mick, Ginny M., Jo, and 'Laine . . . and the boys came through . . . keeping Thanksgiving sacred with a final win . . . we'll treasure Davey's caricatures of us from the Canteen's Football Dance . . . memories of the banquet . . . all the verbal "orchids" we were handed by the townspeople . . . our traditional trips . . . in town after Boston Garden games . . . "Smashing that line" . . . to get into Torre's after every game . . . the mad dash for the back seat of the bus . . . our loud (and sometimes unappreciated) song-fests . . . our memorable and successful dances . . . and most of all, we'll cherish the realization that we were the "Lucky Ones" . . . the Cheerleaders of R. H. S. . . who have all these memories and many, many more. . .



# *Program Girls*

We were a frightened group of junior and senior girls on that fatal day last fall when we tried out to be program girls. Miss Nichols, Mr. Hurt, and Mr. Bronner judged us as we pretended to sell programs to each other. Nancy Chadwick was chosen captain and proved to be very efficient. The other successful candidates were J. McLaughlin, S. Nelson, N. Oldfield, N. Sawin, D. Crosby, A. Cullington, E. Curtis, J. DeWolfe, P. Donahue, B. Johnson, K. MacPherson, J. Reardon, N. Richardson, B. Rogers and M. White. For a while we rushed around frantically borrowing sweaters from the football squad. With the sweaters, red skirts and jeep hats, we had a neat, uniform look.

Suddenly, there we were at the first game, waiting for the spectators to arrive. We were assigned programs and told to smile and sell them all. Much to our pleasant surprise, we discovered that the people were only too glad to support the team by buying our programs. We also discovered that selling was so much fun that we were always faithful, rain or shine.

To "Burt" Hurt goes much of the credit for our success. His helpful encouragement inspired us all to work "like the dickens." Nancy Chadwick was kept busy counting money and doing the bookkeeping inside the school; while Martha White, our assistant captain, was always around, ready to give us a helping hand.

Mr. Baker's ticket sellers also did a wonderful job. Their duties were to make change or sell or collect tickets. This year's ticket sellers were J. Miller, S. Batchelder, M. Gibson, P. Halloran, G. Hanley, S. Jigerjian, T. Lee, J. Loud, S. Magison, N. Middleton, C. Roberts and L. Wheeler.

After we had finished our jobs, the program girls and ticket sellers let the team know that we were behind them by cheering our loudest in our reserved seats behind the band. At the football banquet, we were special guests of the Boosters Club. It was a very gala occasion, and we were happy and proud in the knowledge that we had played a part in making the football season a success.






# *Basketball*

The 1948 basketball season brought satisfaction to sports lovers at R. H. S. mainly because of what it presaged for 1949. Although the varsity had an extremely disappointing season—especially in view of the championship record of the 1948 squad—the Jayvees furnished consolation and hope by losing only two games. Seven lettermen, as well, will be back next year to fight for another series of victories for R. H. S.

As usual, the Reading basketeers were backed by the Boosters Club and many fans. Those who were awarded letters ands jackets at the close of the season were Capt. Jimmy Desmond, Lyle Delong, Emery Knight, Pete Attarian, Cliff Gibson, Ted Freeman, Howard Bussell, Don Murray, Carl Wells, Noel Reebenacker, George Morris, and Manny Heselton. Teddie Freeman was elected captain of next year's quintet.

In a pre-season game at Boston Garden, the Rockets took a tough Methuen team by a narrow margin. Lyle DeLong helped save the day by sinking many long shots from his guard position. Manny Heselton was the other gnard. The forward positions were held down by Jim Desmond and Pete Attarian. Emery Knight and Howard Bussell, two six-foot boys, alternated at center.

The team suffered a great loss when Cliff Gibson injured his ankle and was unable to play for two weeks. Later in the season, the "Gibber" and Everett Wheeler piled up close to 175 points between them. George Morris, Donald Murray, Noel Recbcnacker, and Jake Ham deserve much credit for their superb playing while substituting in varsity games.

Lexington, one of the highest rated teams in the league, sent Reading home defeated in their first league setback. The Rockets also lost the two following games with Belmont and Winchester.

Reading's first league victory came with the Concord game. The "Grapegrowers" were beaten by a safe 40-32 margin.

In the weeks to follow, Reading's record sagged, even though the boys played up to the hilt. Wakefield swept over the Rockets in a 54-39 victory. Ted Freeman startled the crowd by scoring 15 points from his right forward position.

In both Stoneham games, Carl Wells was a great asset to the team. In addition to being high scorer, he also prevented the man he was covering from sinking a single basket.

The second game against Winchester showed the Rockets in their finest form. Reading held a two-point lead until the end of the third quarter, when Winchester suddenly zoomed ahead to win by three points.

The Wakefield return match broke the hearts of many tense Reading spectators. After the score had fluctuated through the whole second half, Wakefield finally broke the tie in the last few seconds of the game. Ted Freeman again pleased everyone by duplicating his previous score at Wakefield.

The Junior Varsity finished their season with twelve victories and only two defeats. Sparking this group of future stars were Francis Rose, Francis O'Brien, Joe Fraumeni, Roger Vansaw, David Gardner, Jerry Crawford, Billy O'Brien, Wilmon Chipman, Tad Cleary, Dick Spindler, and Skippy Godfrey. Here's to next year!




# *Basketball*

When the 1948 basketball season rolled around, nearly thirty girls beeame hopeful candidates for the teams. Practice began with emphasis on timing, controlled passes, and accuracy. Under Miss Nichols' direction we tried an untold number of combinations, seeking the best ones for the teams. Shortly before the first game, eaptains were elected and the varsity and junior varsity teams were chosen. Elaine Roberts captained the first team through its memorable season, and Constance Hutchins led the second team to its successful finale.

After several weeks of practice, we played a pre-season game with two very fast Wilmington teams, which sobered us down a bit. The scores were 20-7 and 25-17, for the first and second teams respectively, with Wilmington taking both gannes.

Perhaps those games provided the fuel for the season, because in our first regular game we were triumphant over Lexington, 19-11. Our second team, emulating the varsity, won its game, 23-15.

Apparently Arlington, having heard of our victories, decided to subdue us a bit. They came to Reading with teams so well-versed in plays that it was a pleasure to watch them. Both games were theirs, 26-18 for the first team, and 33-24 for the second.

Our mighty second team defeated Malden's second, 25-18. This game at Malden will always be remembered for the fact that the varsity was ahead 7-4 at the half. As the squad knows, the floor at Malden is very large, and our faithful six, accustomed to our small space, tired in the last minutes of play and lost, 19-11.

We traveled again for our next game, this time to Melrose. It was traveling for trouble by the varsity, however, which sueeumbed 23-15. Our seconds successfully defeated the home seconds, 23-11.

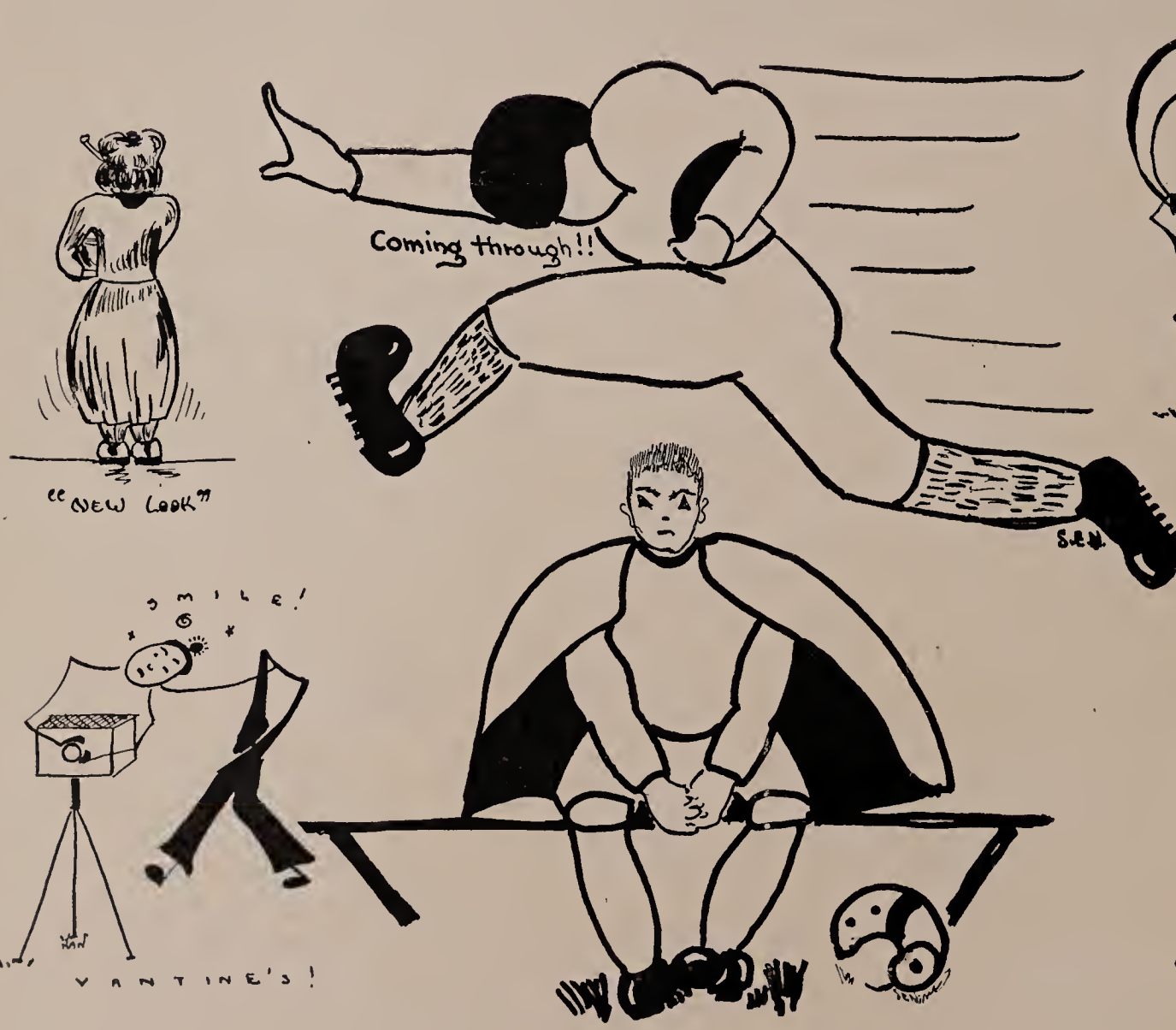
Winthrop, our next hostess, fell to our second team, 29-24. Her first team presented our varsity with another defeat, the final score being 27-19. Adding this game to its growing list, the second team had chalked up four wins and only two losses. The final game, with Woburn, gave the second team another victory, 31-28. The first team did not witness such a pleasing outcome, losing 36-28. Nevertheless, this game climaxed a wonderful season for the entire squad.

Among those who played on the first team were the following: guards, Barb Garey, Deb Williams, Martha Ann White, Catherine Roberts; forwards, Pat Wilkie, Capt. Elaine Roberts, Texas Lee, and Lorraine Turner. Pat Wilkie was high scorer for the team, with 32 points to her eredit. Second team members were Joyce Loud, Norma Oldfield, Eleanor Caulk, Marjorie Priestley, Joanne Lane, Gertrude Jefferson, Ann David, Alma Skinner, Natalie Merrill, Nancy Hathaway, Shirley Runge, Julia Miller, Florence Sullivan, Mary Gibson, and Capt. Connie Hutchins, who was undisputed high scorer, amassing 58 points.

Thanks go to our manager, Lois Clarkson, and to the time-keeper, Jo Ann Rowell. To Miss Nichols, our coach, our sincere gratitude for her help and patience during the season.

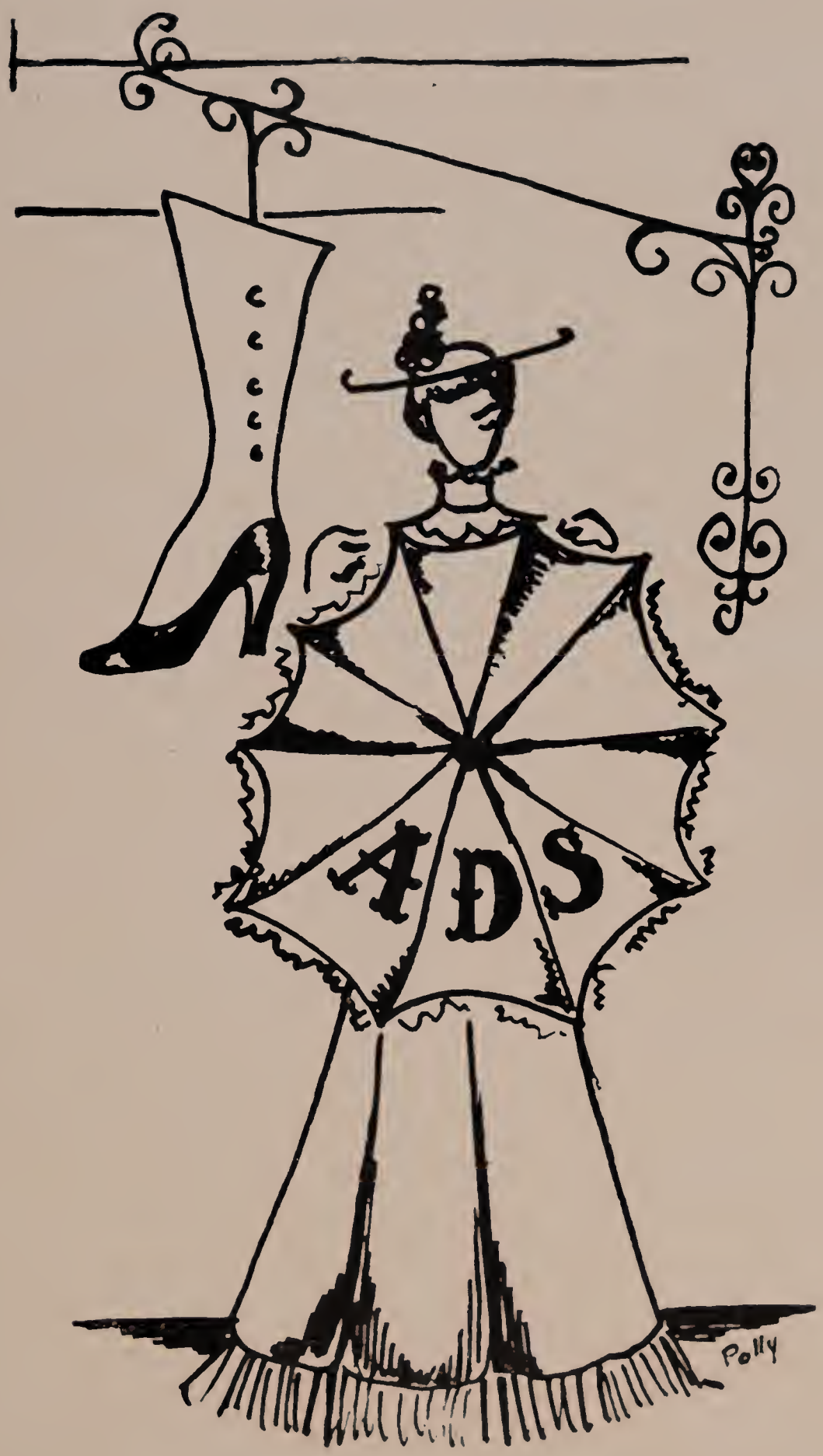
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